

CHAPTER 22

THE WARNING



THINGS DID CHANGE,  
LIKE VIOLET SAID  
THEY WOULD.

SOONER THAN  
WE THOUGHT-

ALTHOUGH WE DIDN'T  
REALIZE IT UNTIL IT WAS  
ALMOST TOO LATE.

WE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND  
HOW MUCH WORSE THINGS  
HAD GOTTEN

UNTIL ABOUT...

THREE  
MONTHS  
LATER



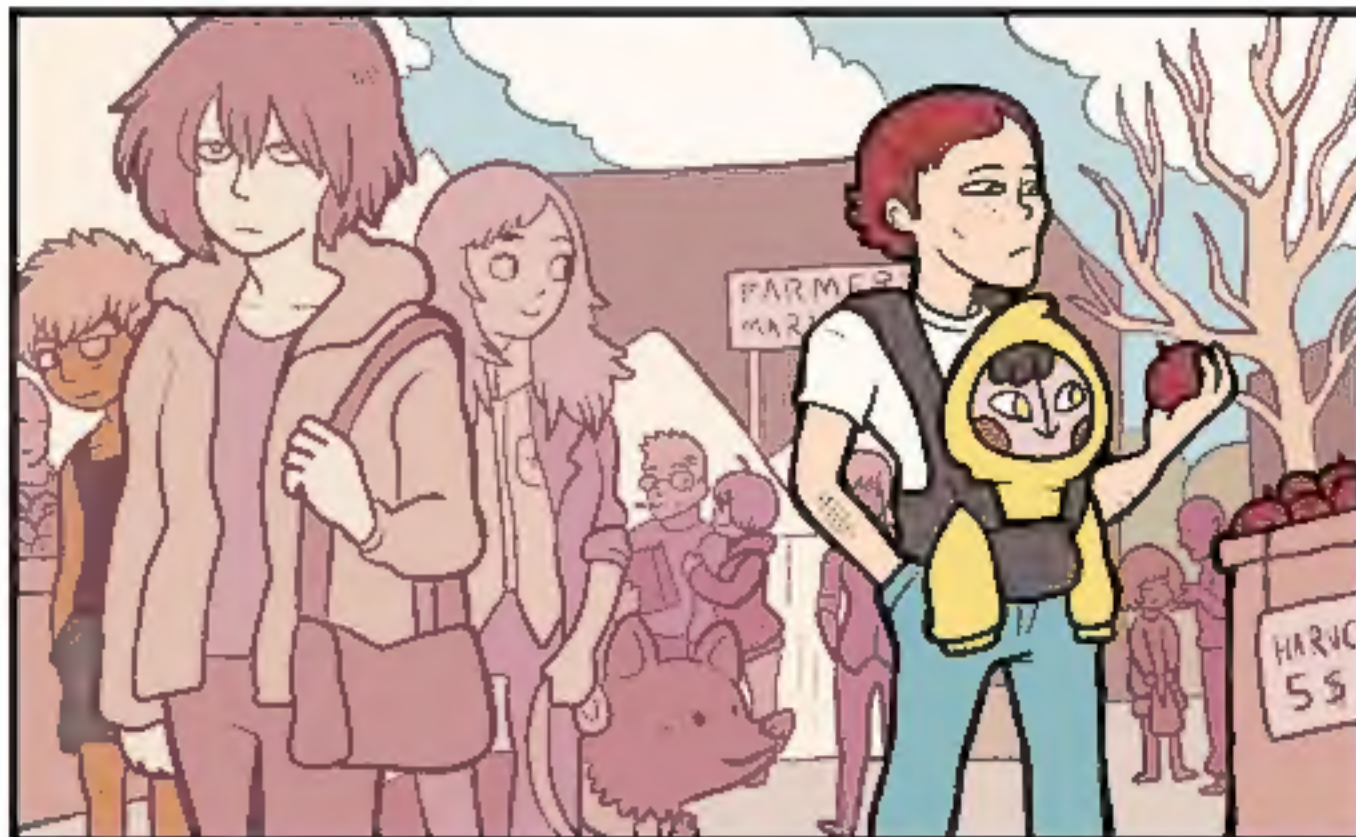












NATE.

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WHAT IS  
WRONG WITH  
YOU?!

I- JEEZ,  
YOU ALMOST  
GAVE ME A  
HEART ATTACK.

HOW'D YOU  
SNEAK UP ON  
ME LIKE THAT?



WE'RE ALWAYS  
WATCHING, NATE.

YEESH.



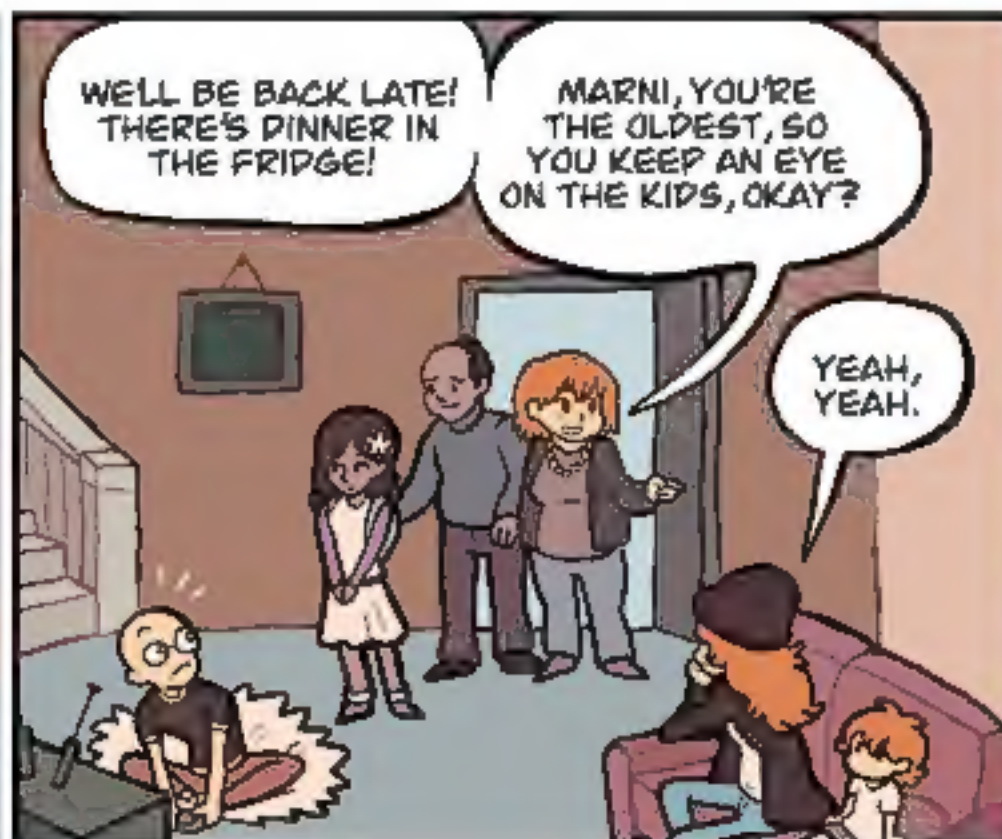
HAVING THAT  
GUY OUT IN PLAIN  
VIEW? SERIOUSLY?!

HEY, LAMPWICK'S  
FINE.

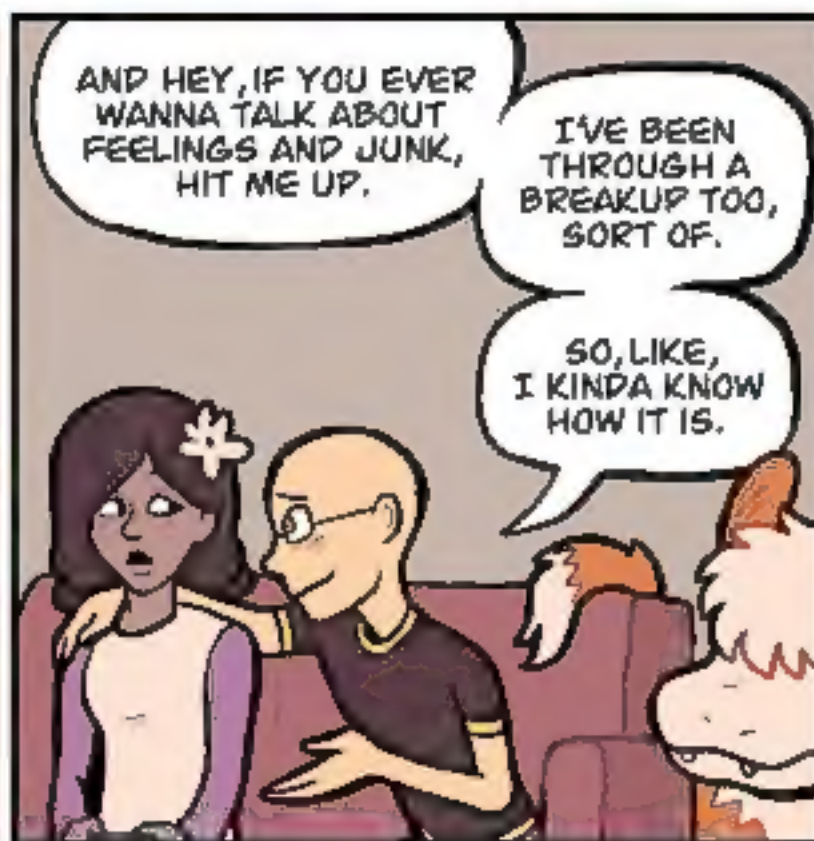
NOBODY GIVES HIM  
A SECOND GLANCE  
WHEN HE'S WEARING  
CLOTHES, ALRIGHT?

'LAMPWICK'?!

















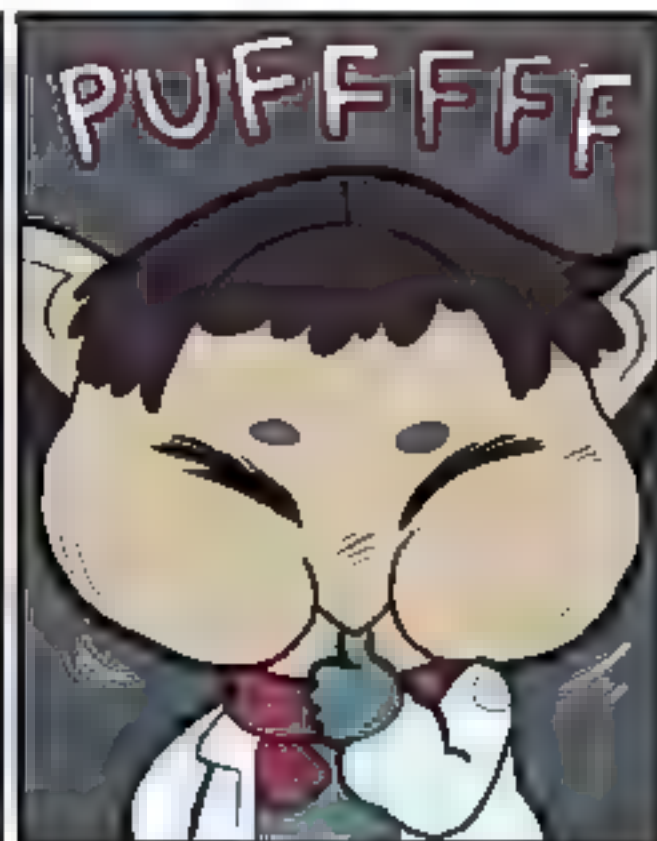
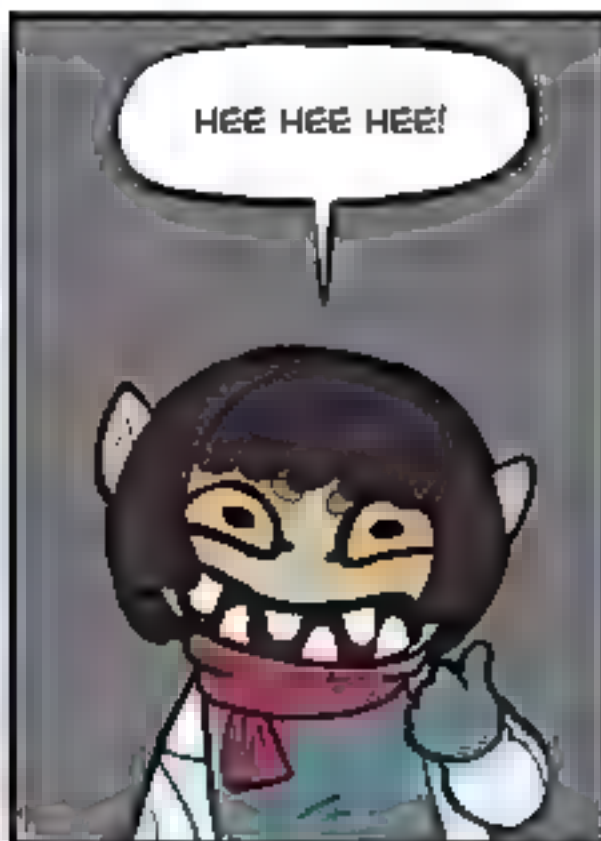












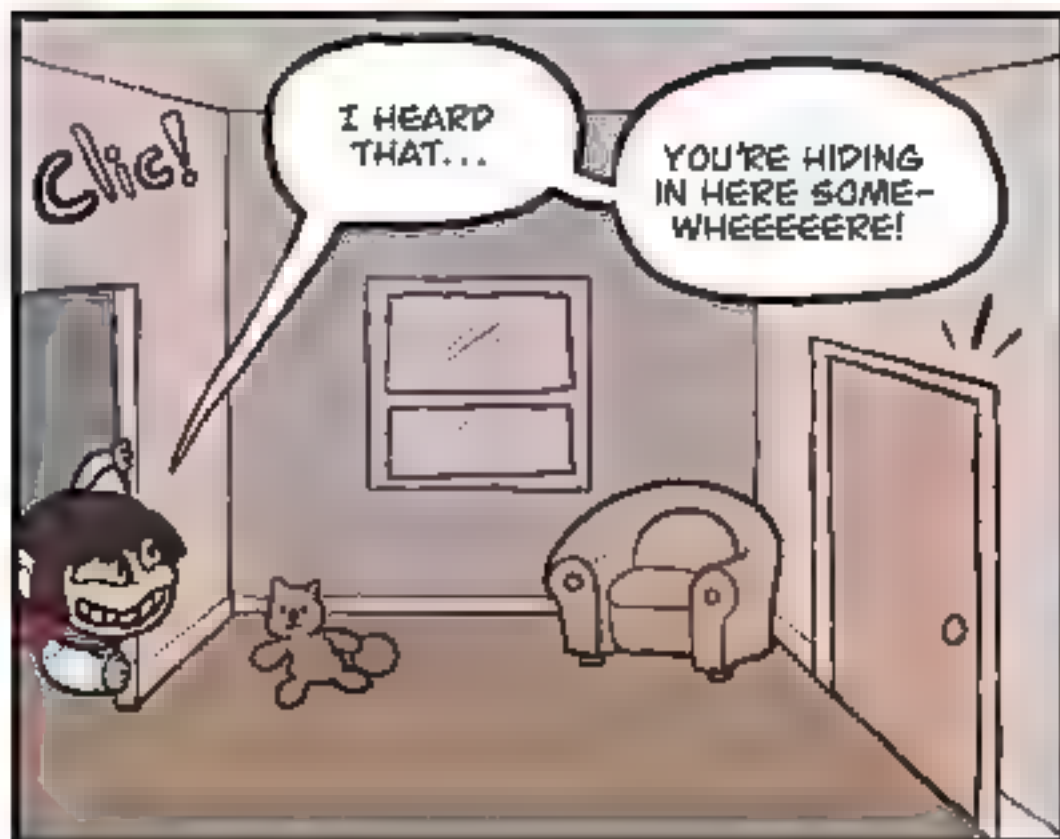




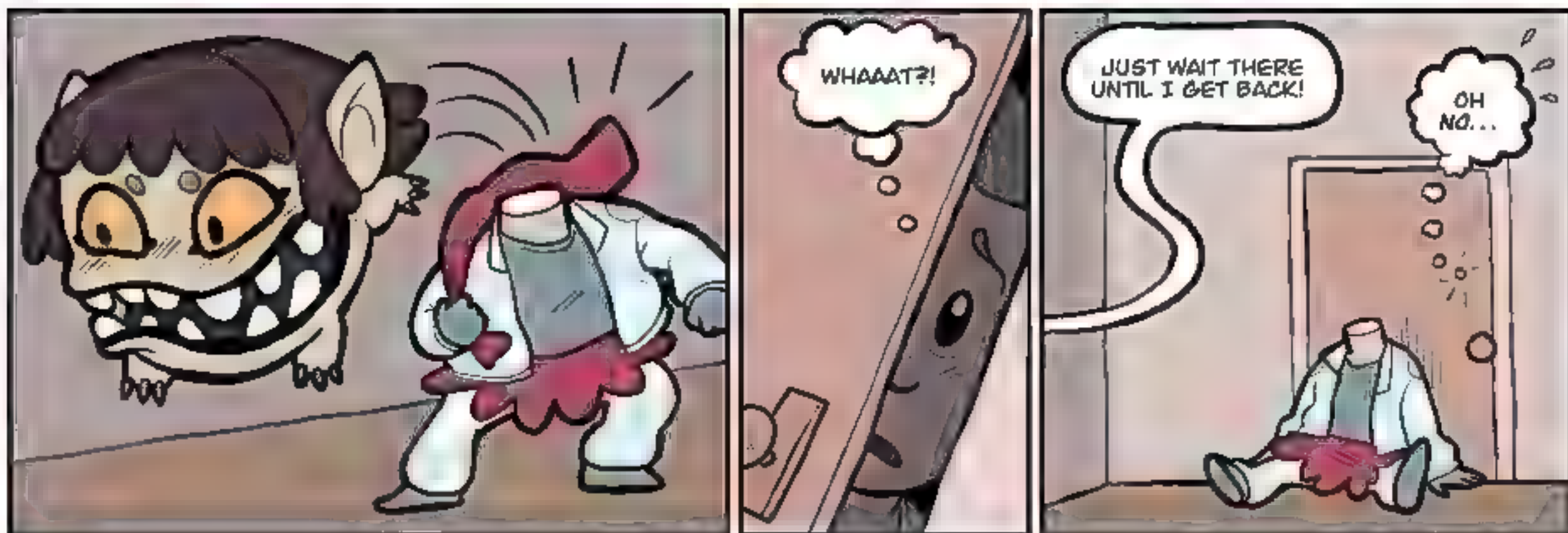




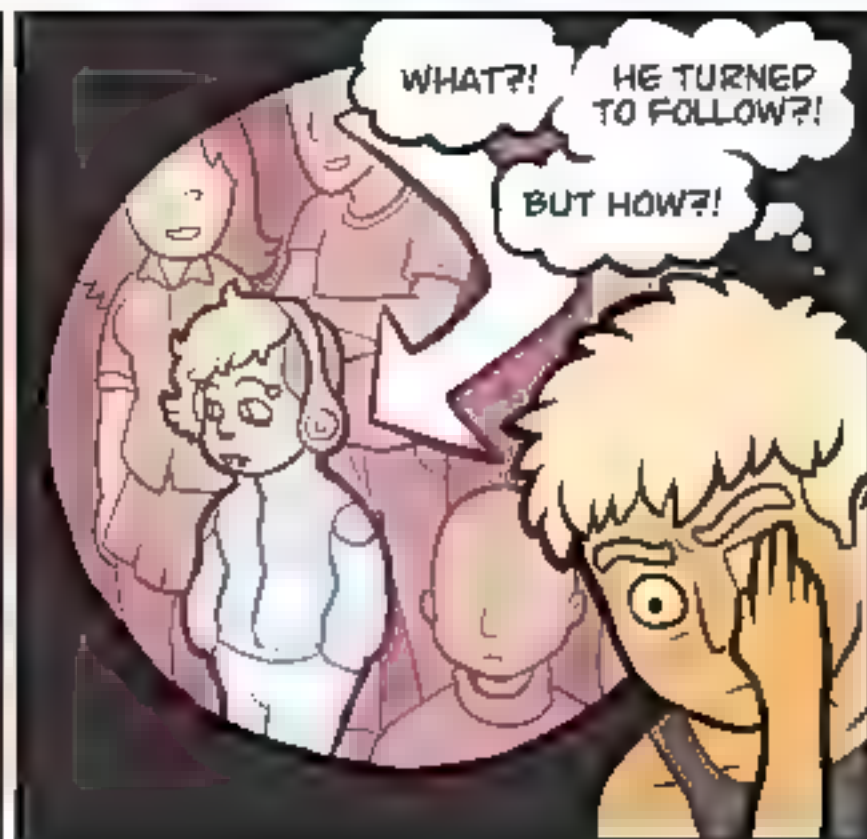
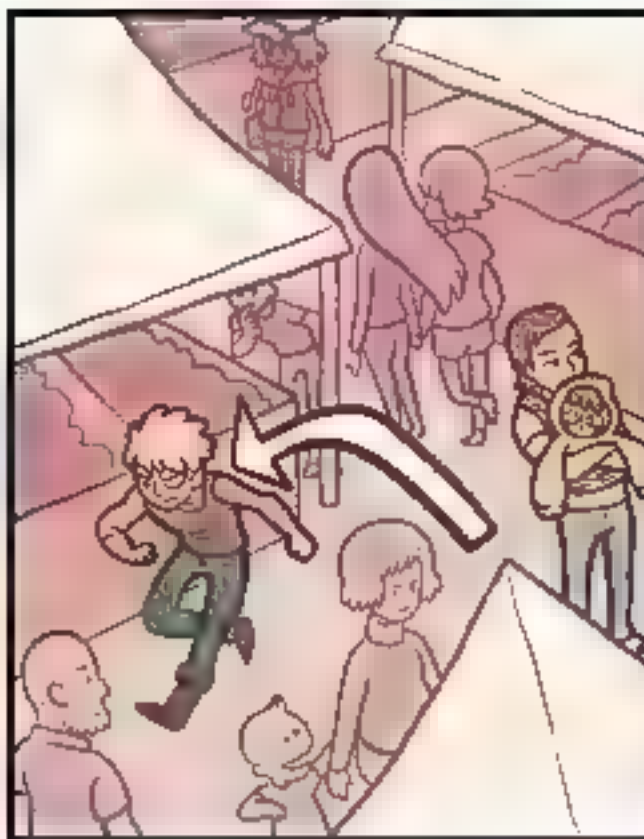
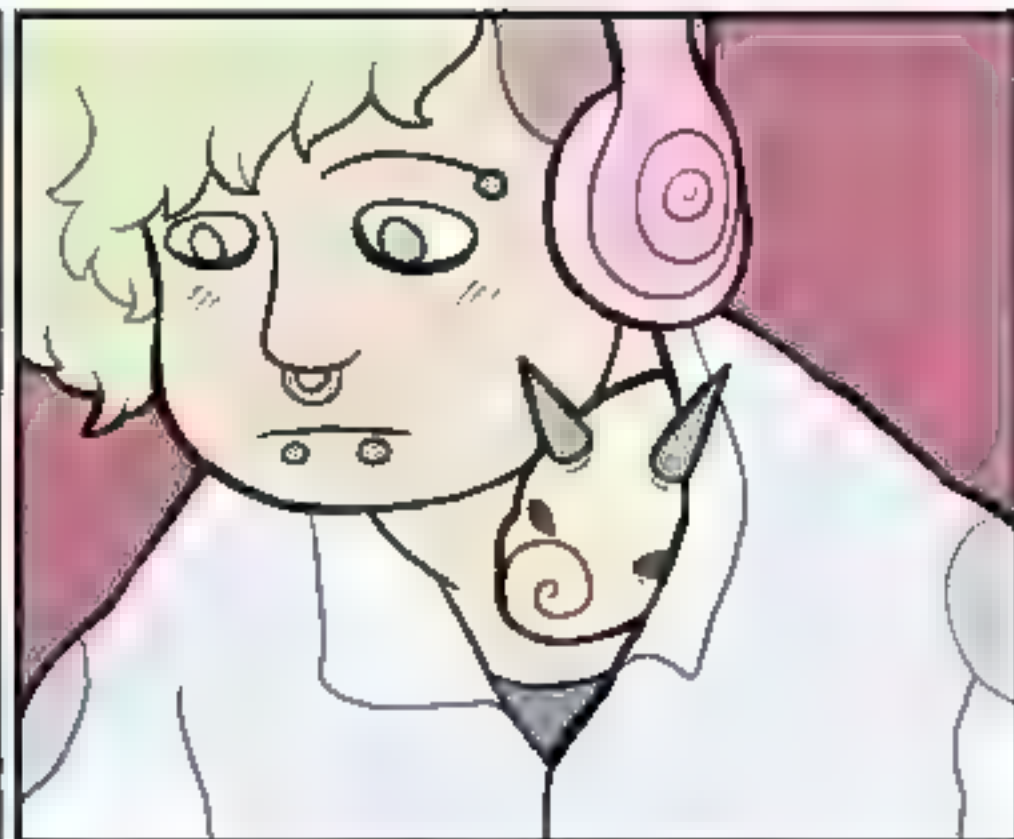
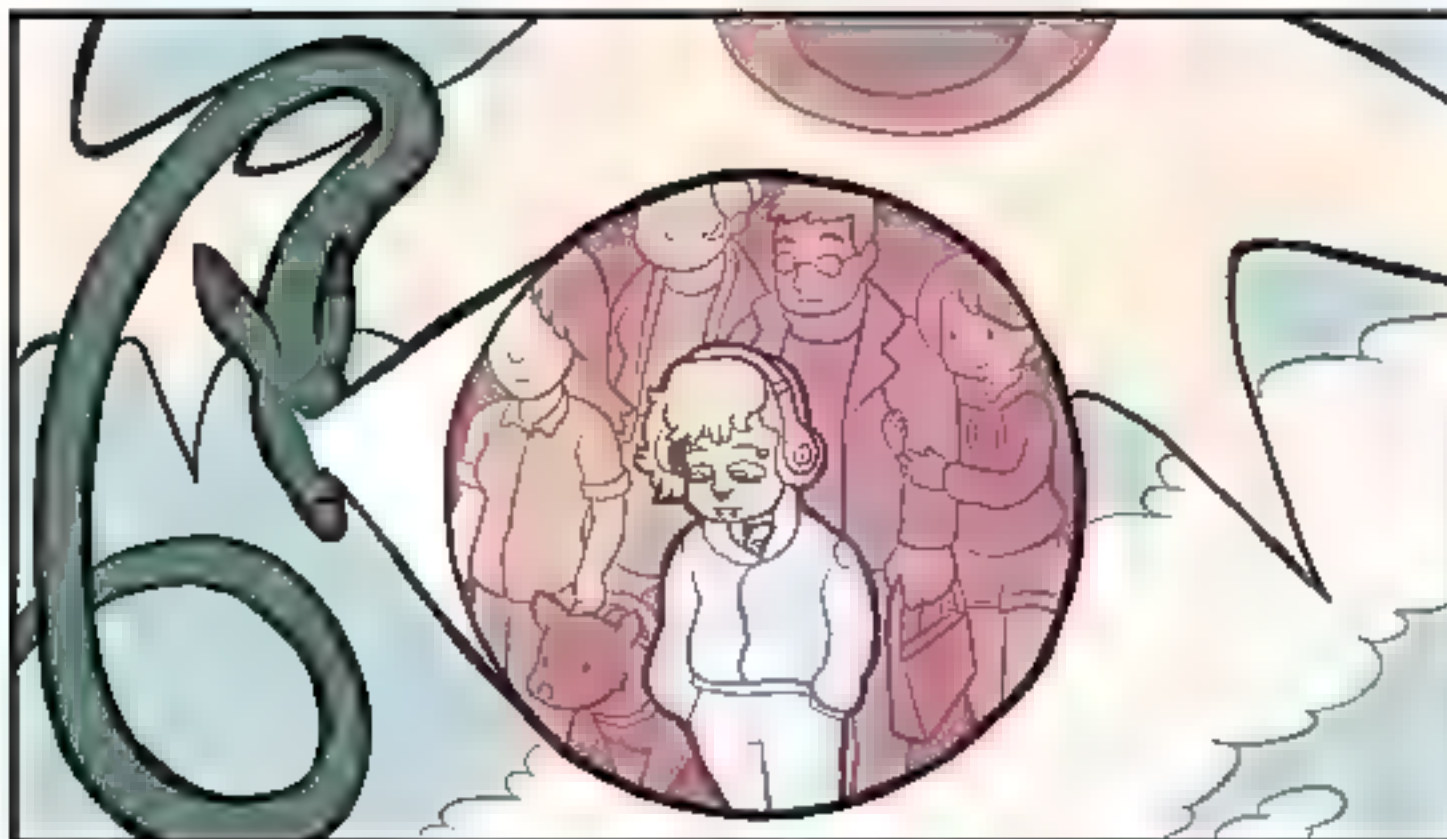




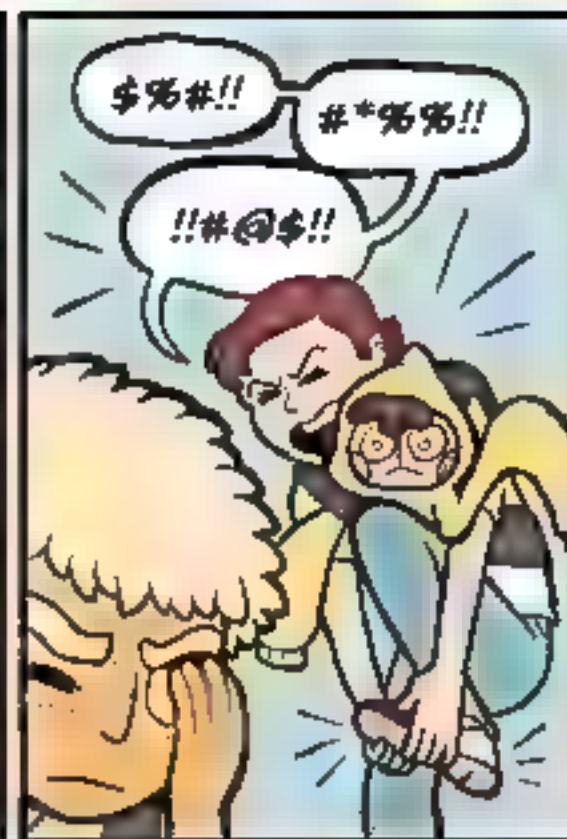
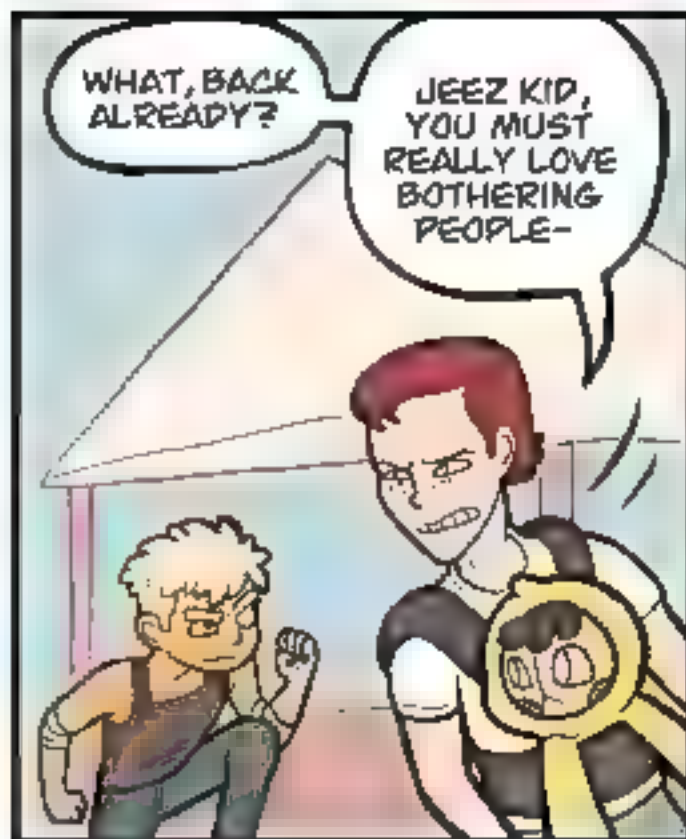




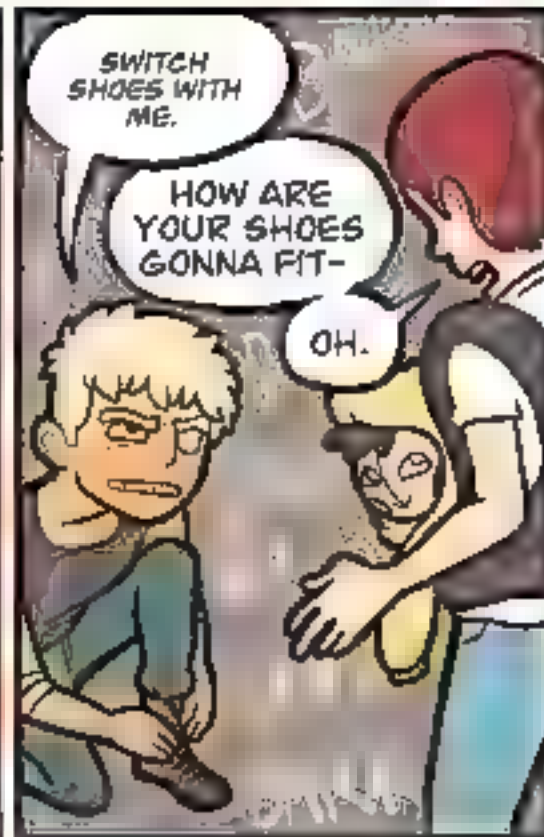
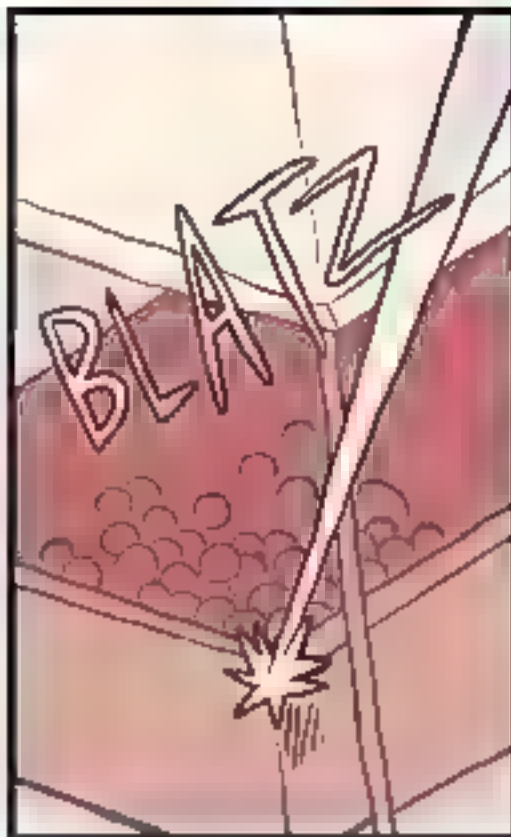
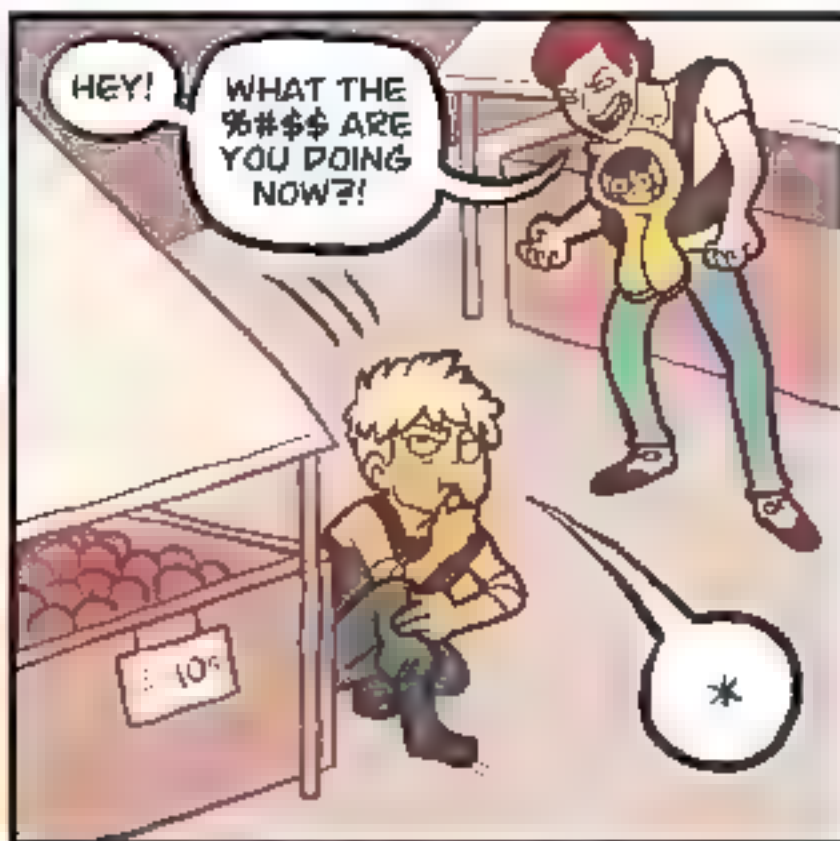
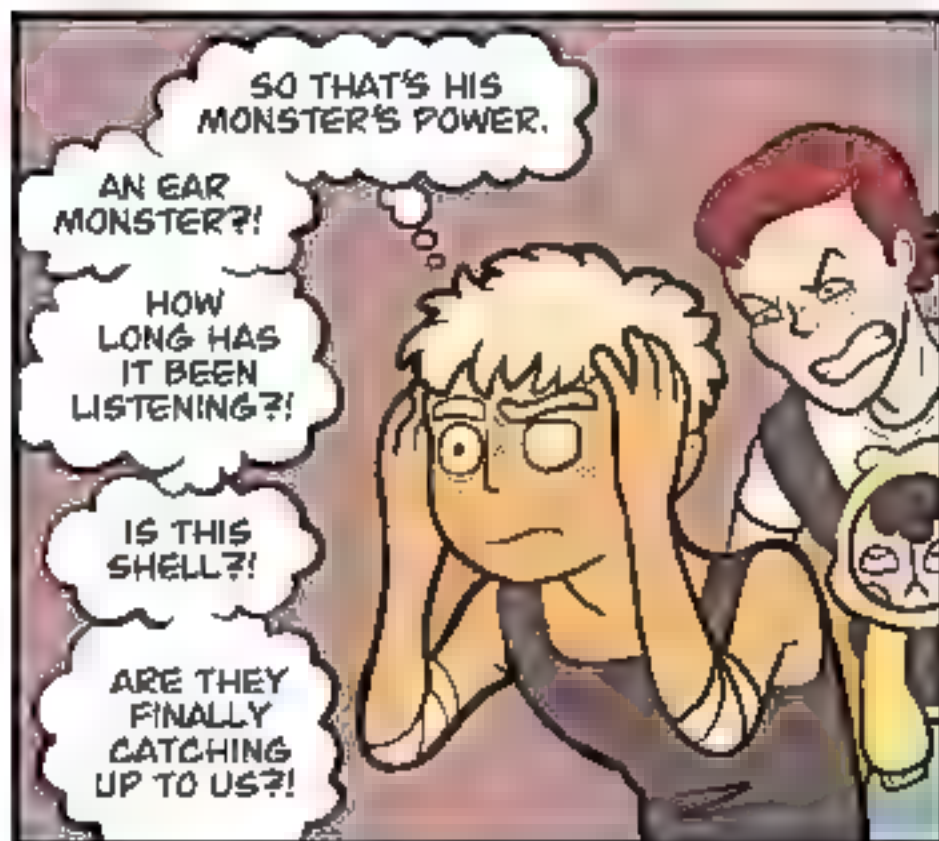




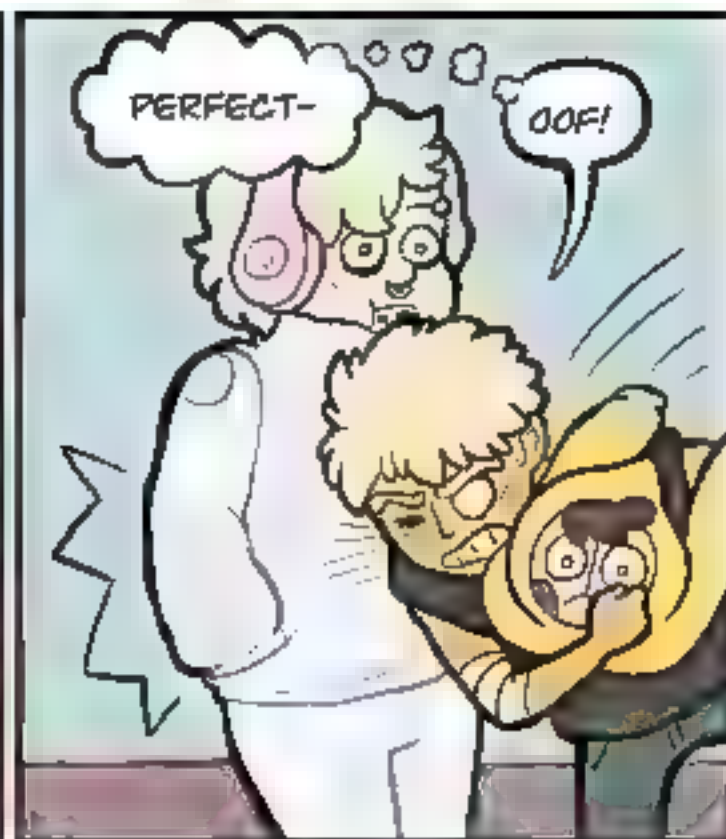
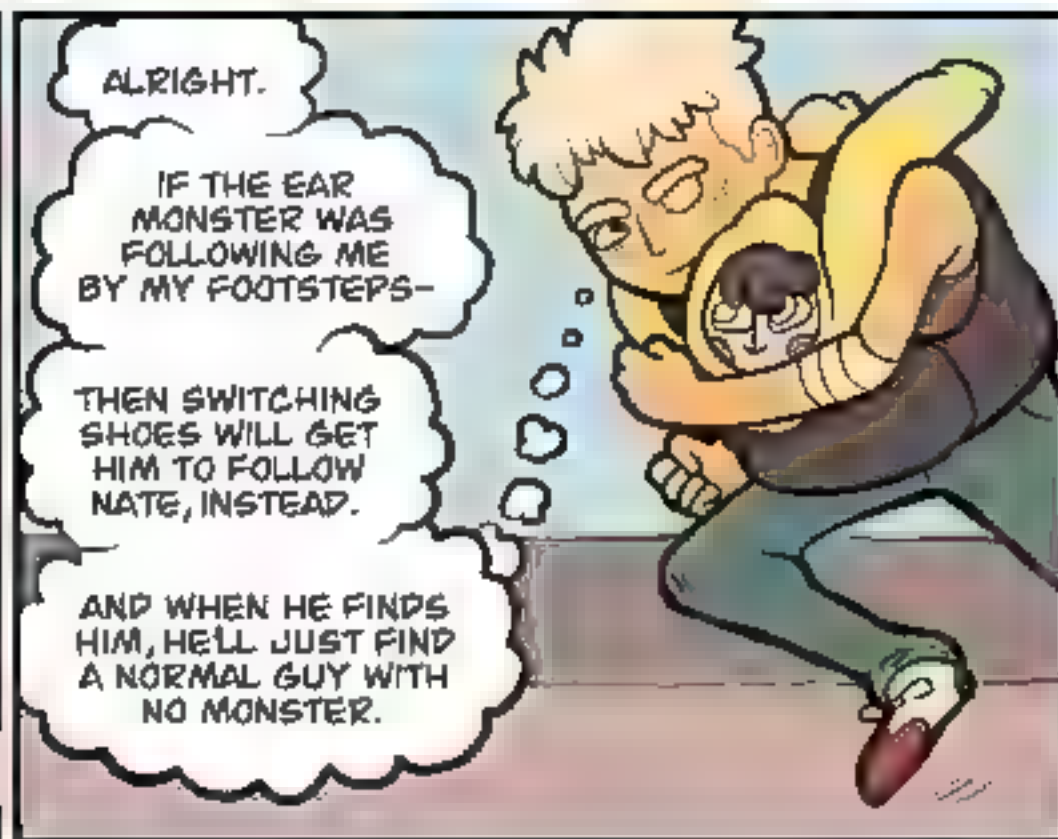








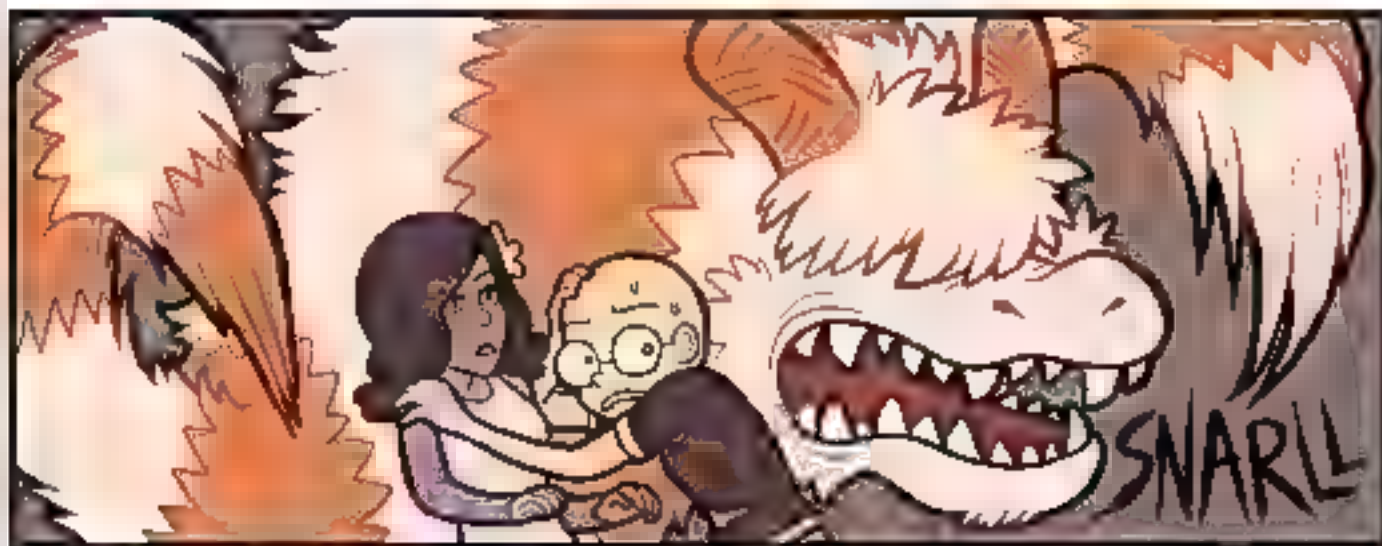
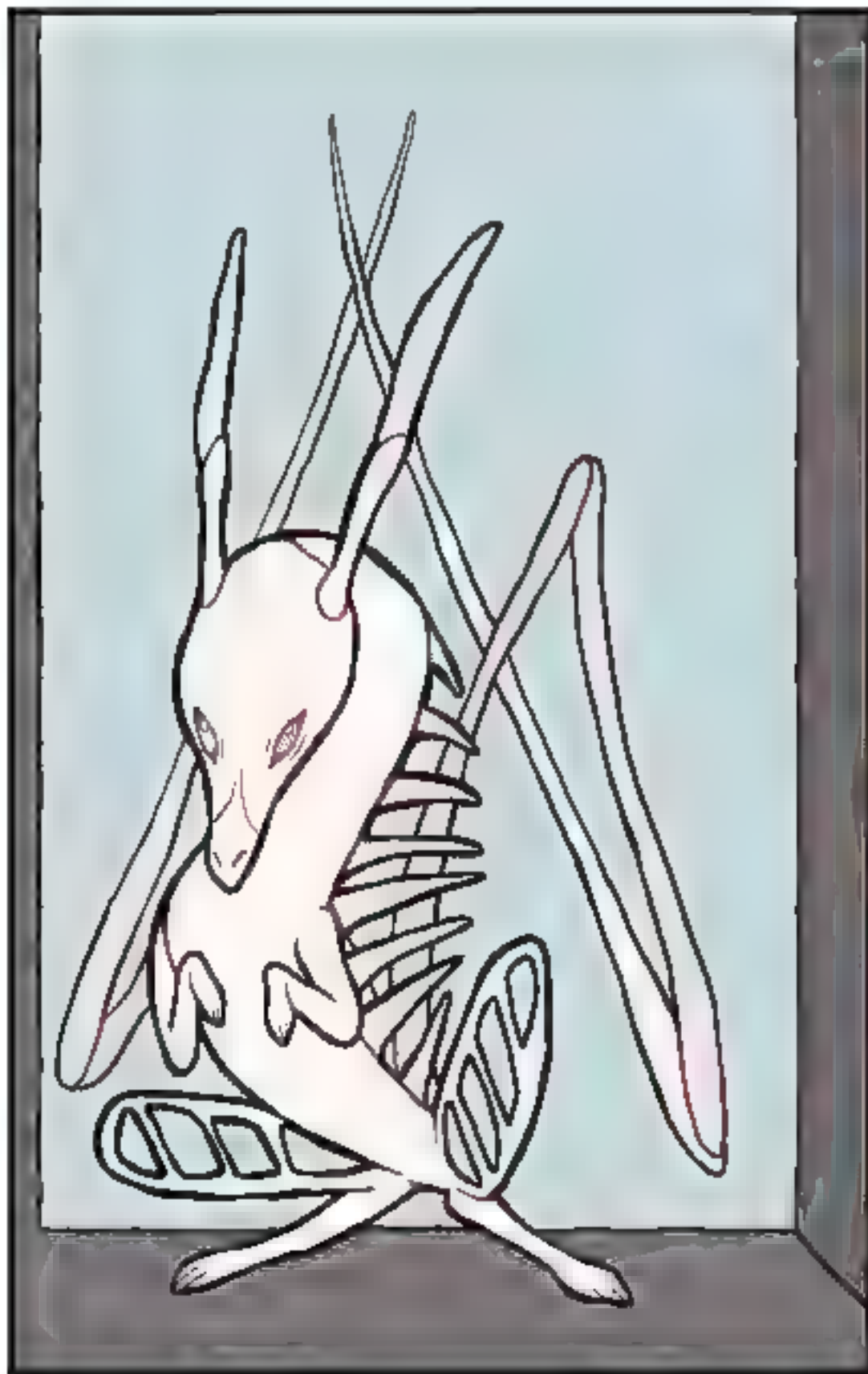




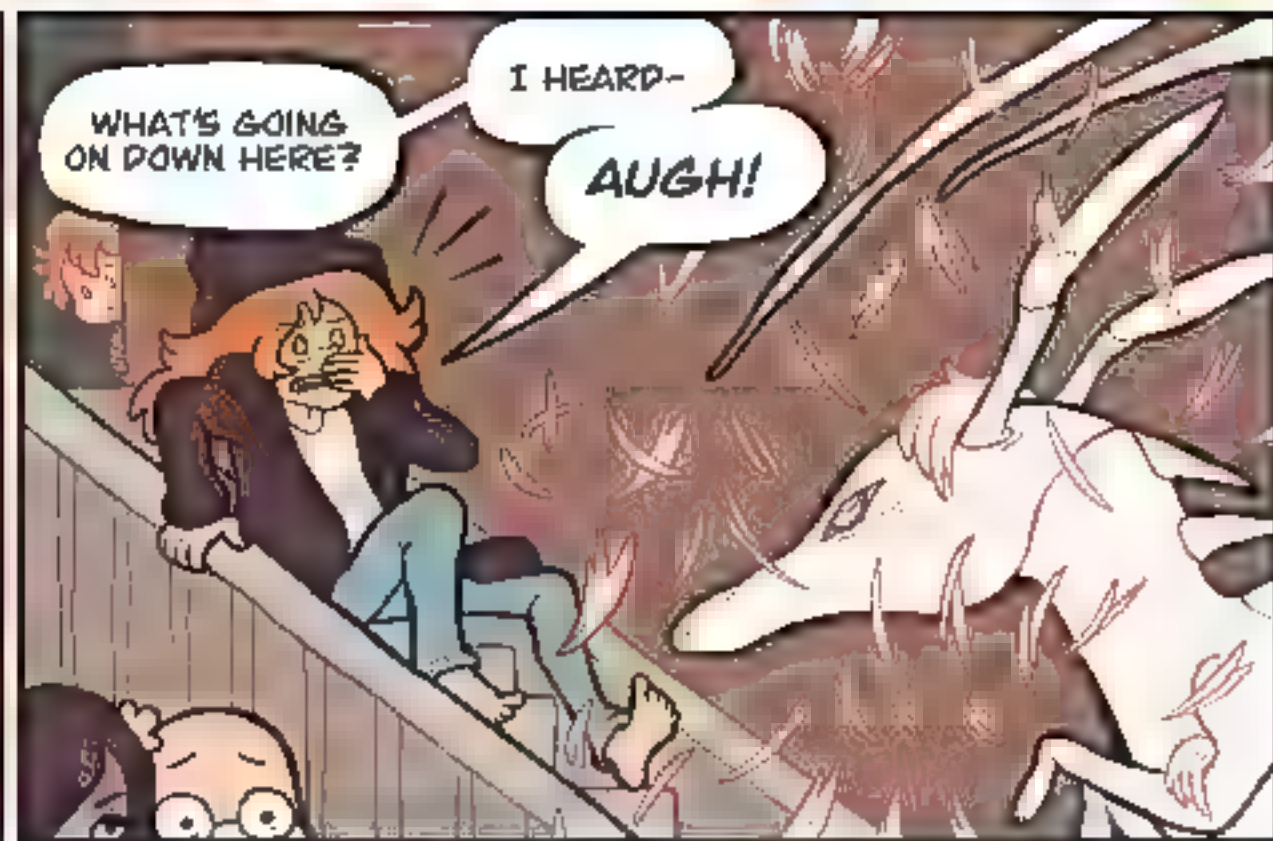
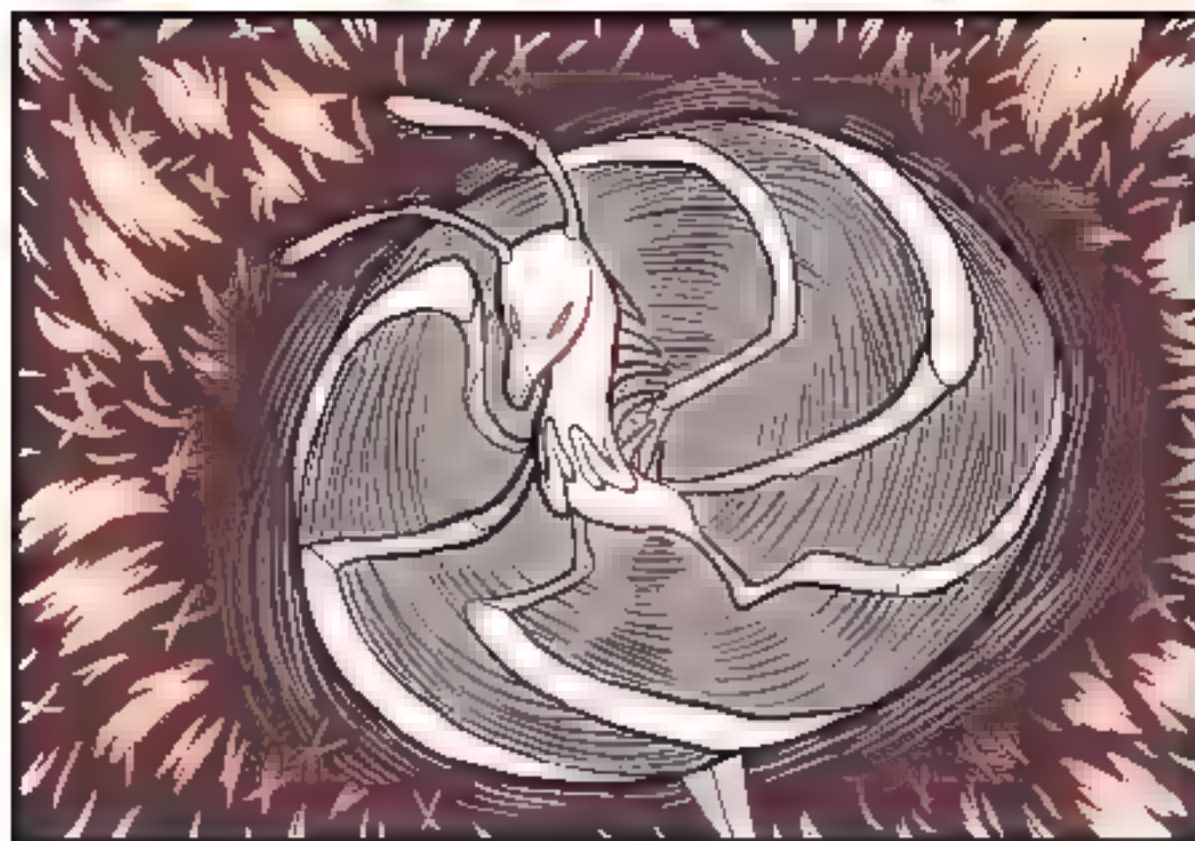
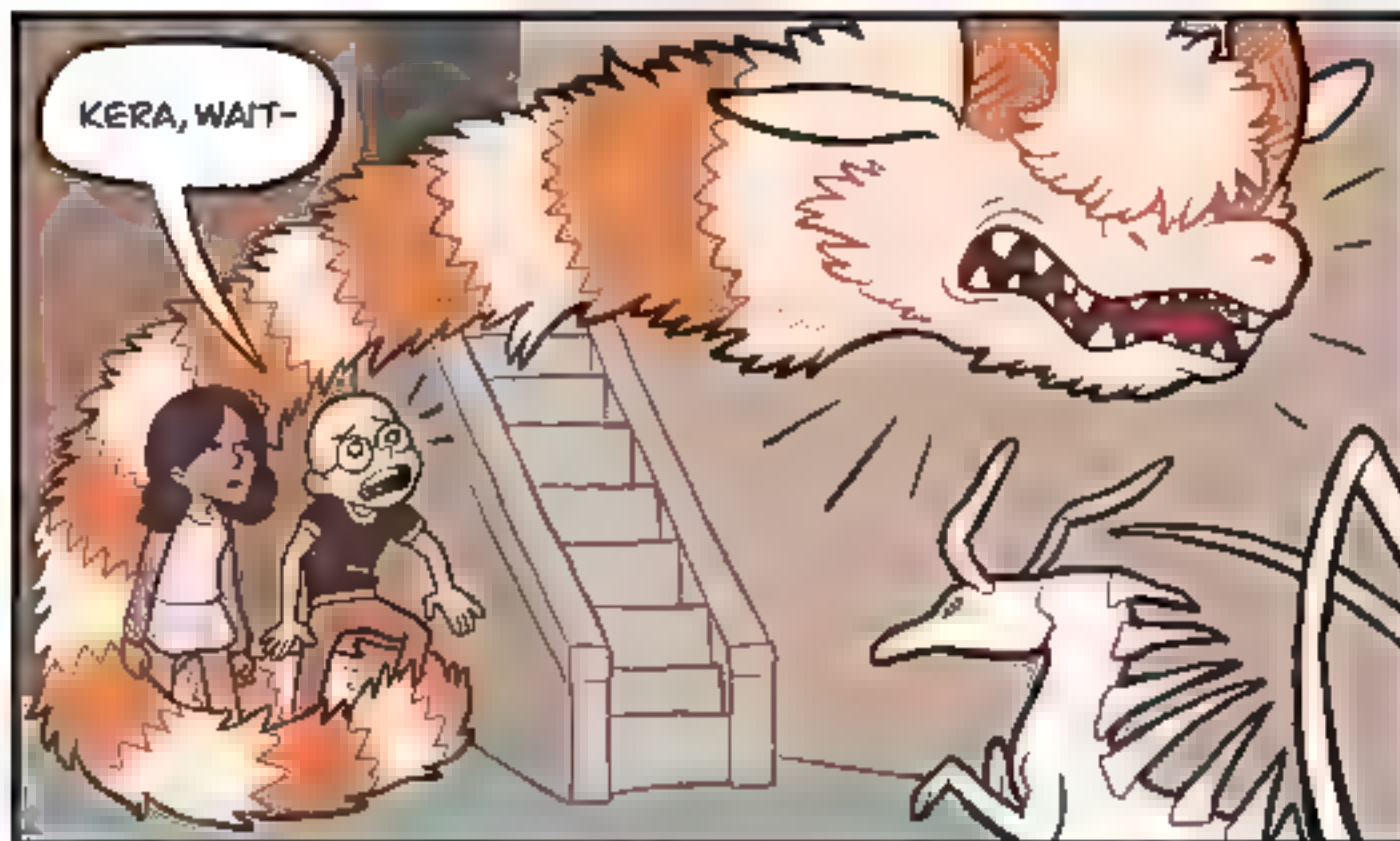




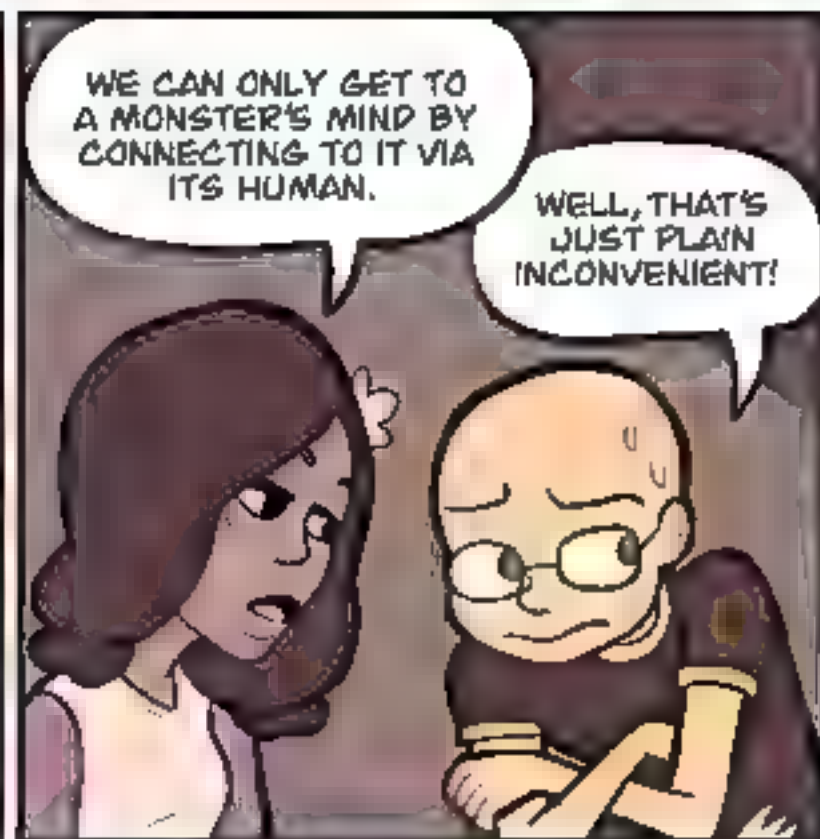
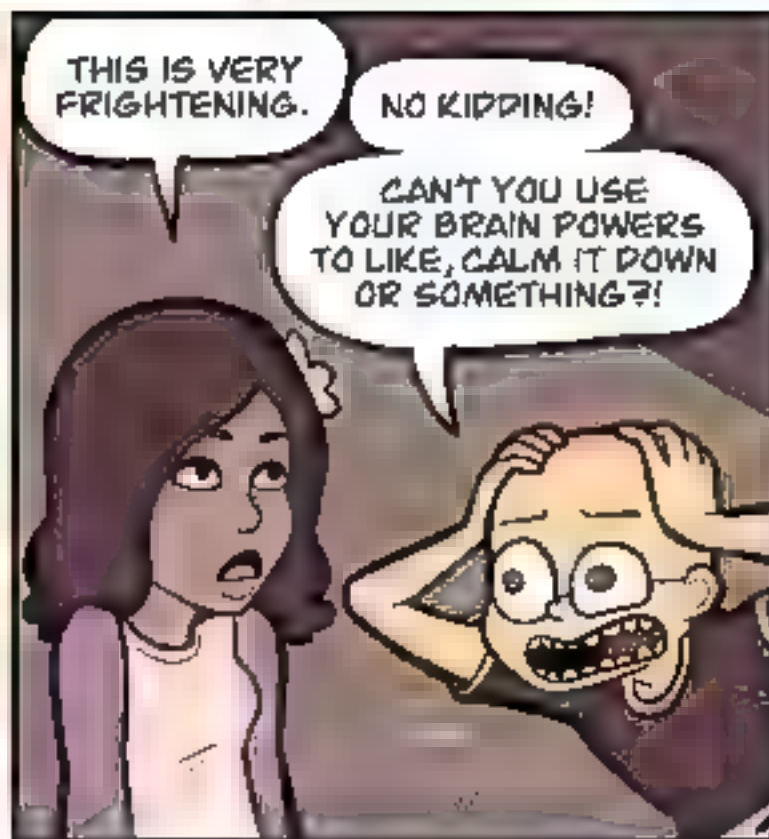
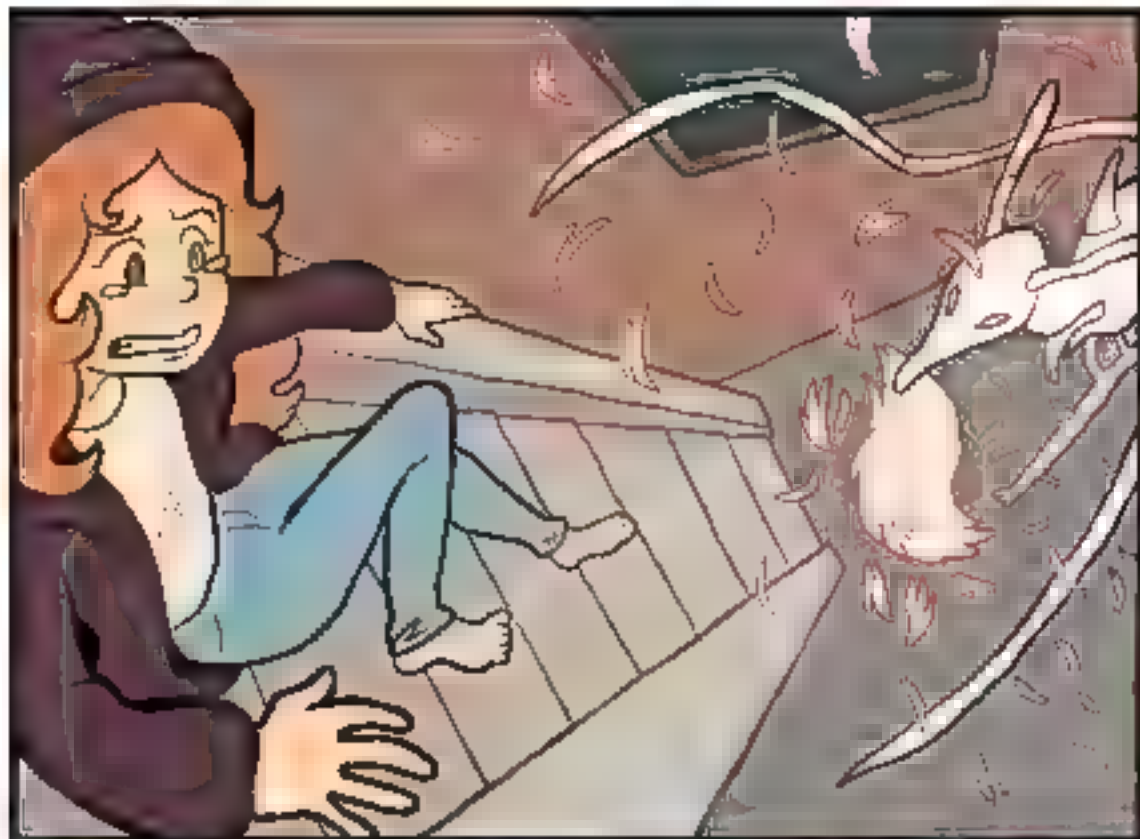




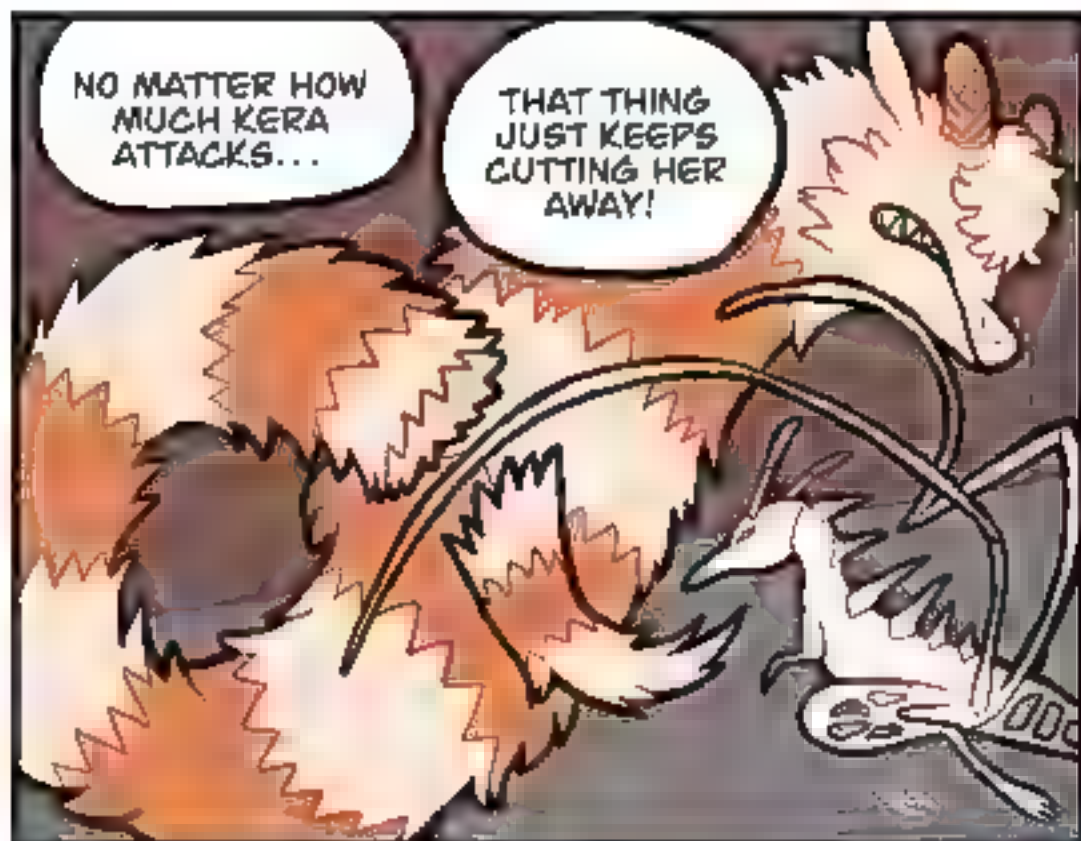




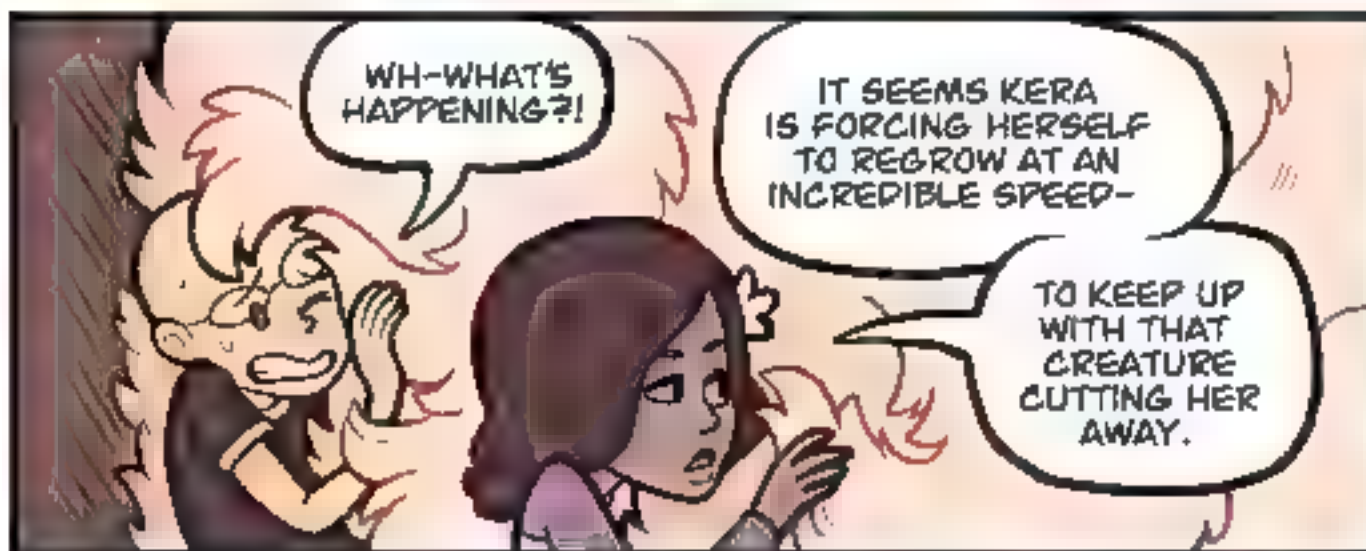
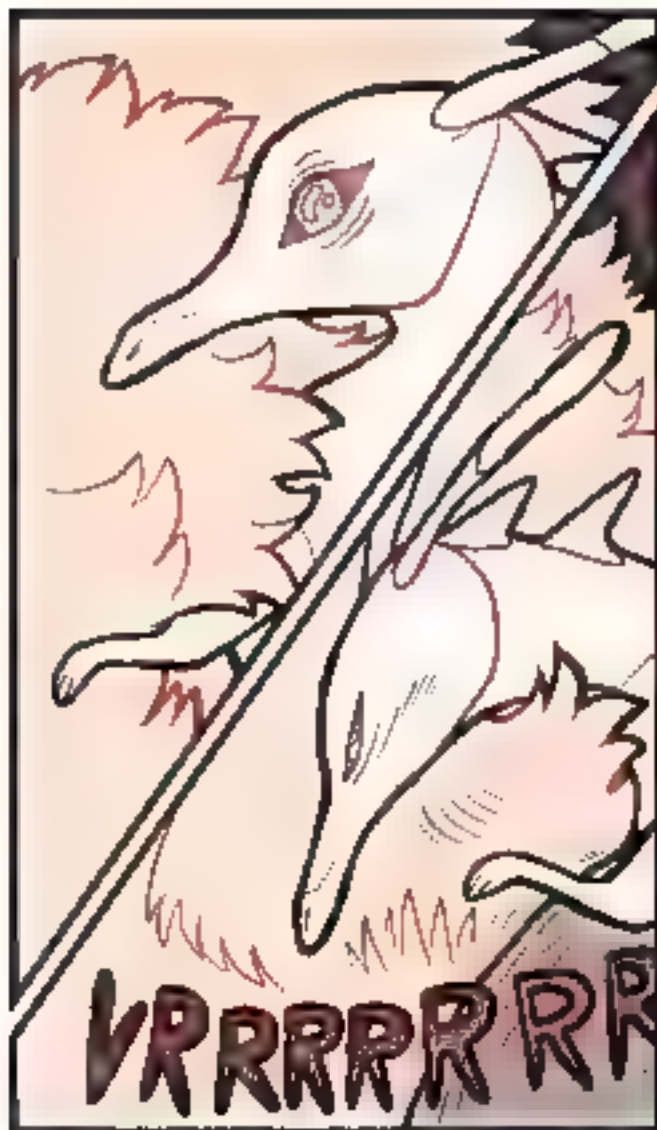




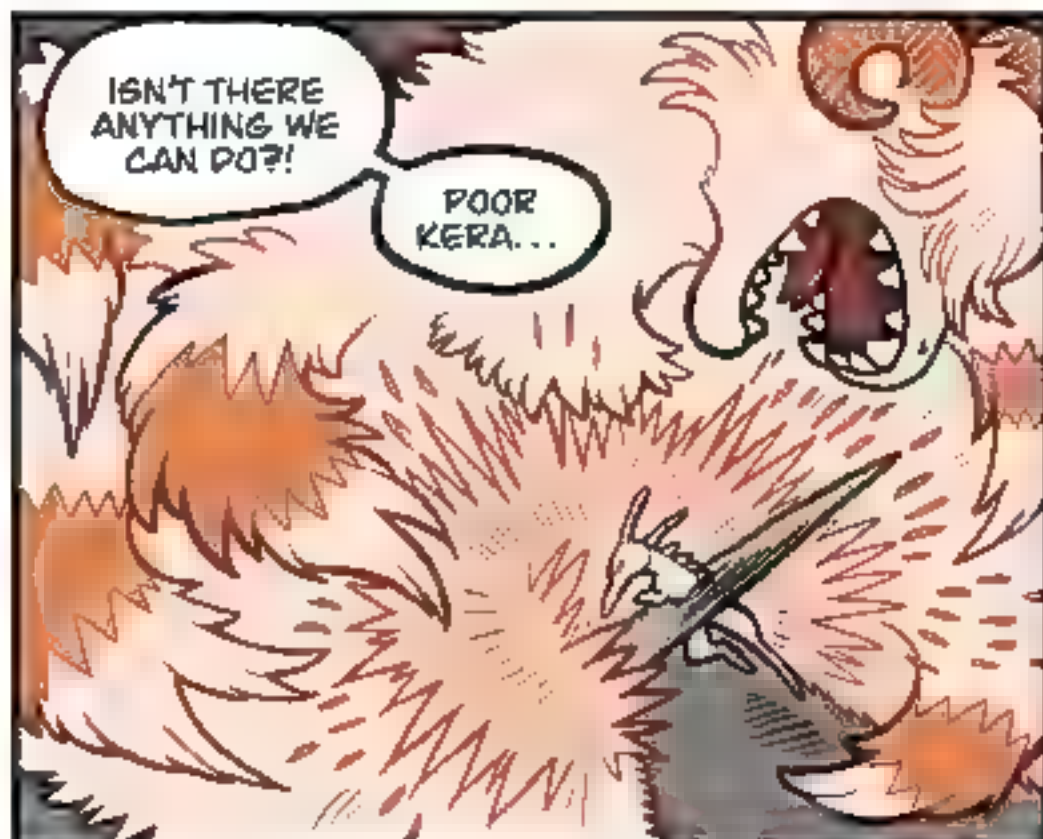












ISN'T THERE  
ANYTHING WE  
CAN DO?!

POOR  
KERA...



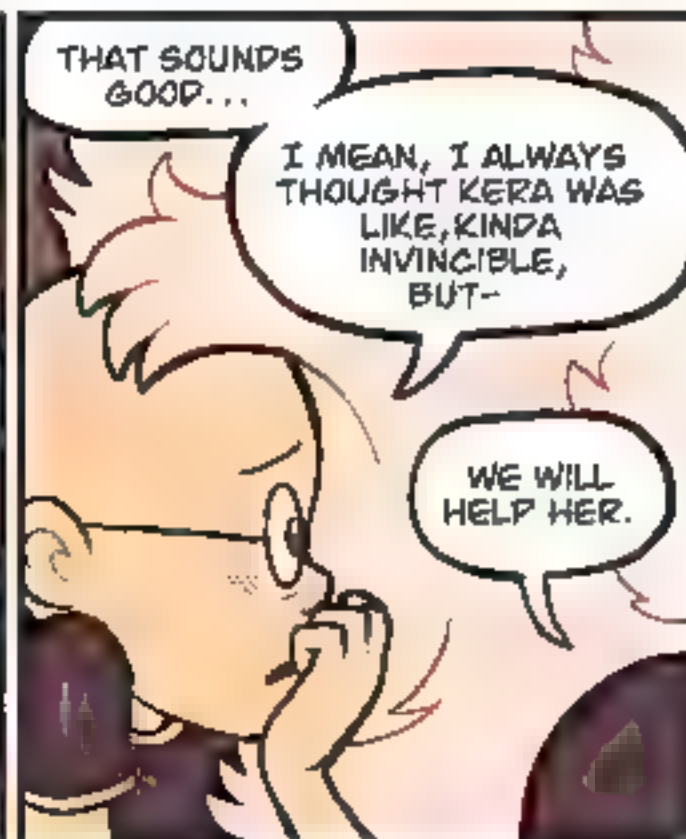
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THAT MONSTER'S  
HUMAN PARTNER  
MUST BE NEARBY.

IF OUR-

THAT IS, IF  
MY POWERS  
CAN SENSE  
HIM...

WE MAY  
BE ABLE TO  
MAKE A MENTAL  
CONNECTION AND  
MANIPULATE  
THEM BOTH.



THAT SOUNDS  
GOOD...

I MEAN, I ALWAYS  
THOUGHT KERA WAS  
LIKE, KINDA  
INVINCIBLE,  
BUT-

WE WILL  
HELP HER.



YEAH. OKAY.  
LET'S DO IT.

MAN, IT MAKES  
ME FEEL BETTER  
TO SEE YOU SO  
CALM AND STUFF.

I AM ACTUALLY  
TERRIFIED.



OH. WELL.

D-DON'T WORRY,  
MAN!

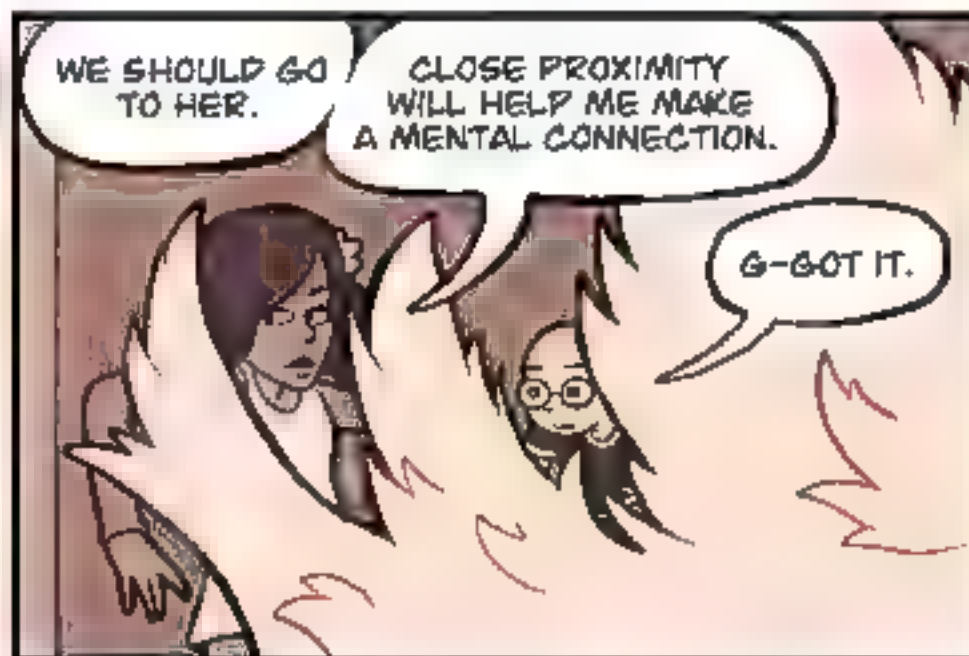
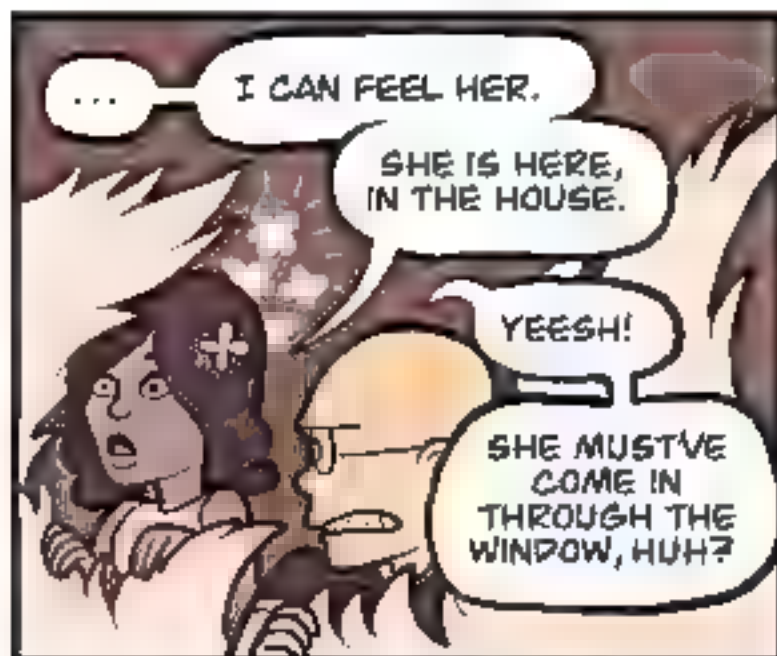
IT'S GONNA  
BE FINE.

THANK  
YOU,  
JULIE.

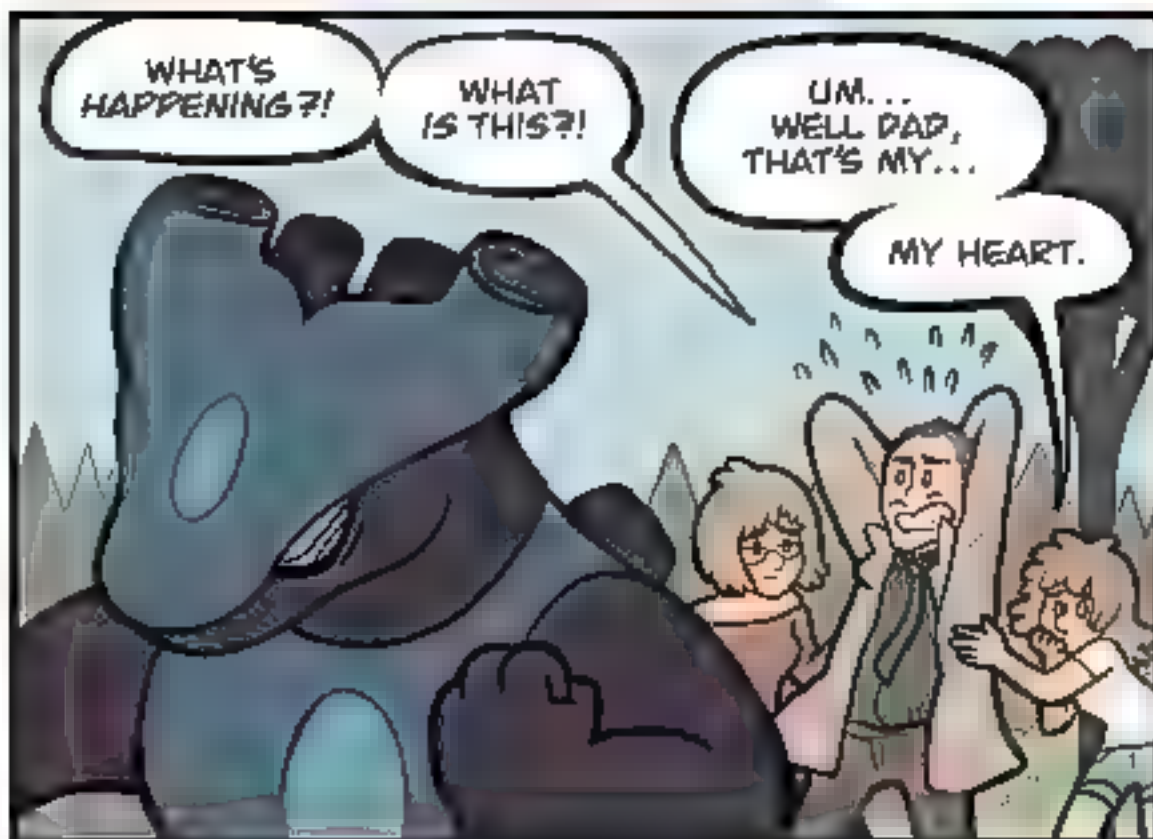
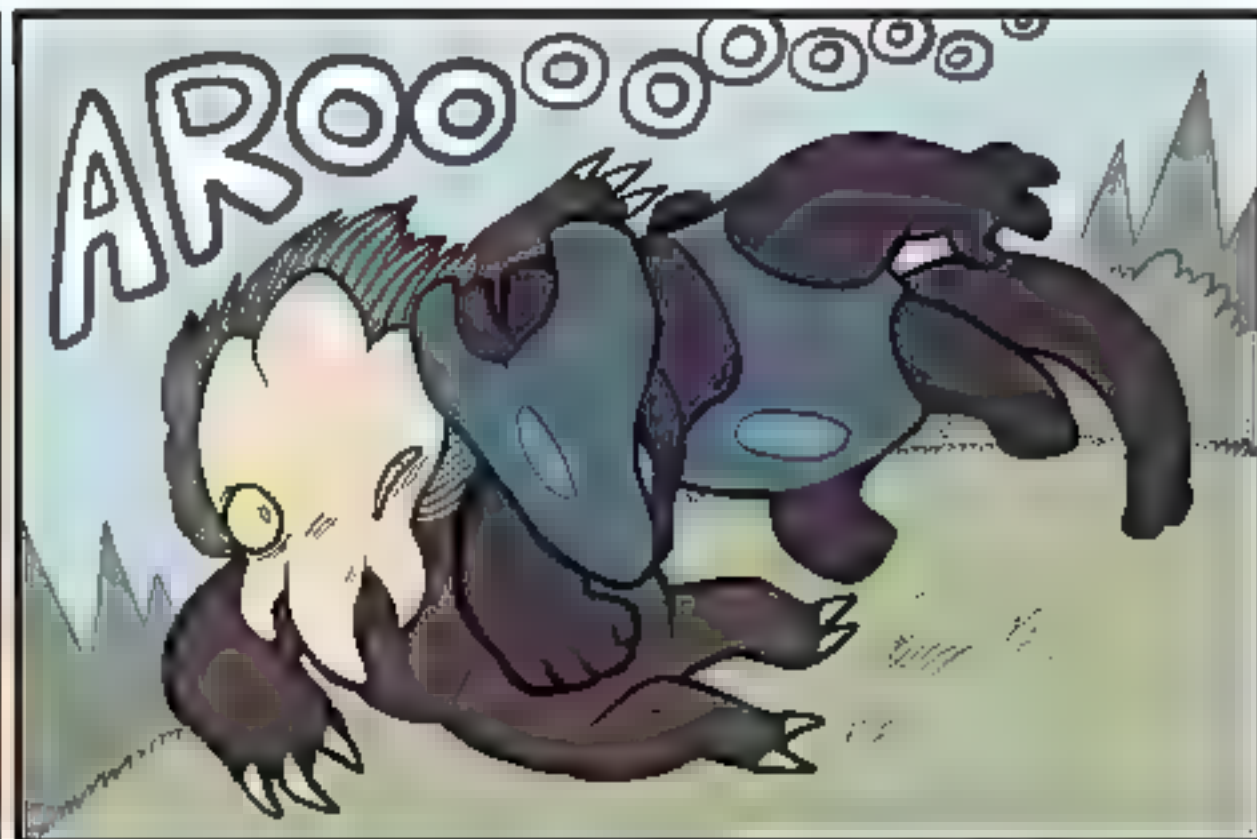
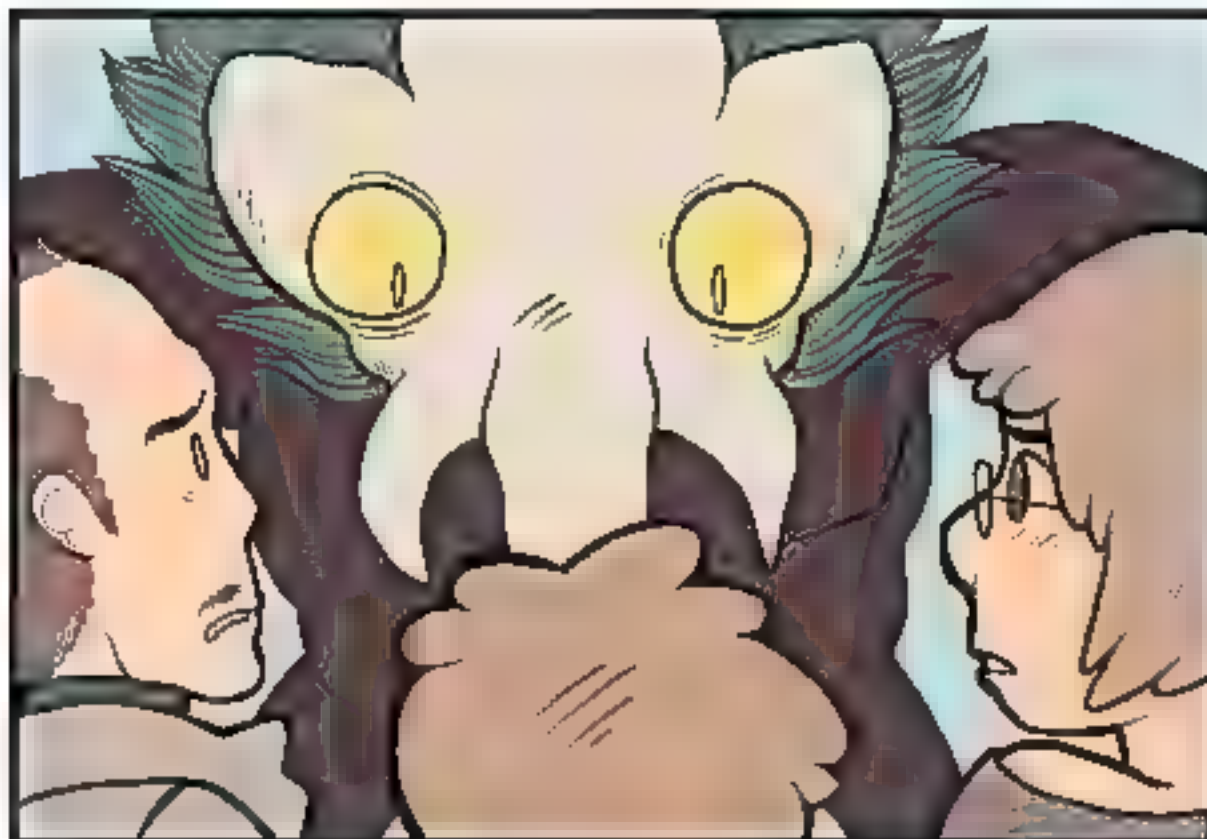
I WILL  
SEE WHAT  
I CAN FIND.



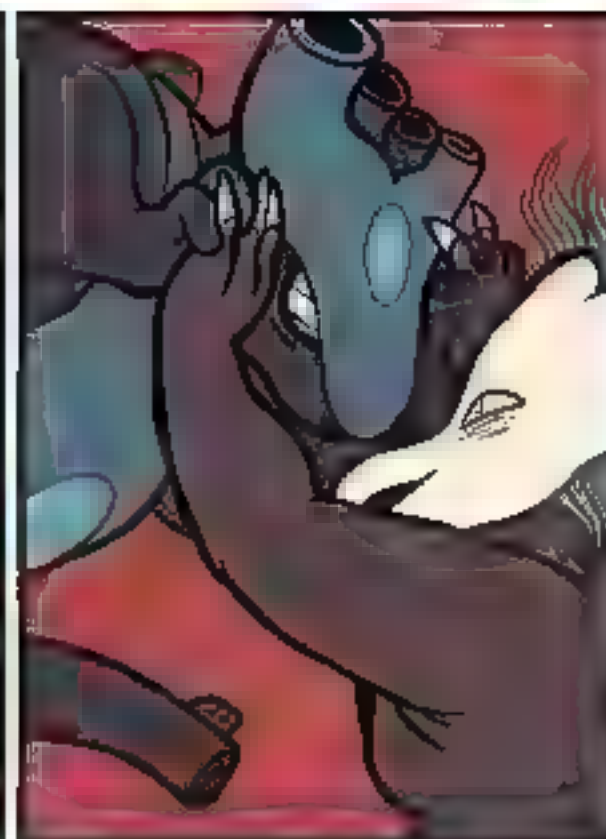
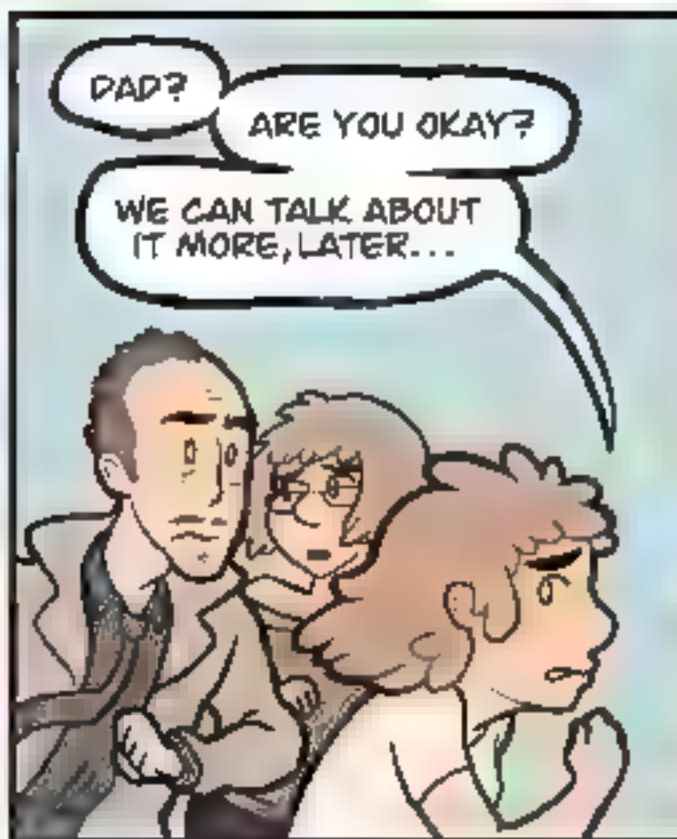
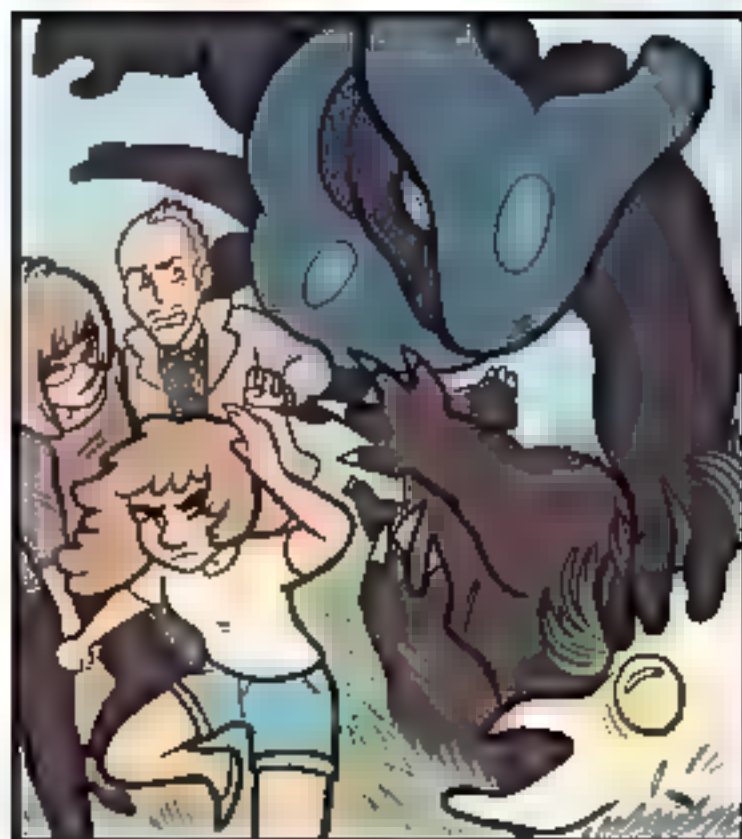
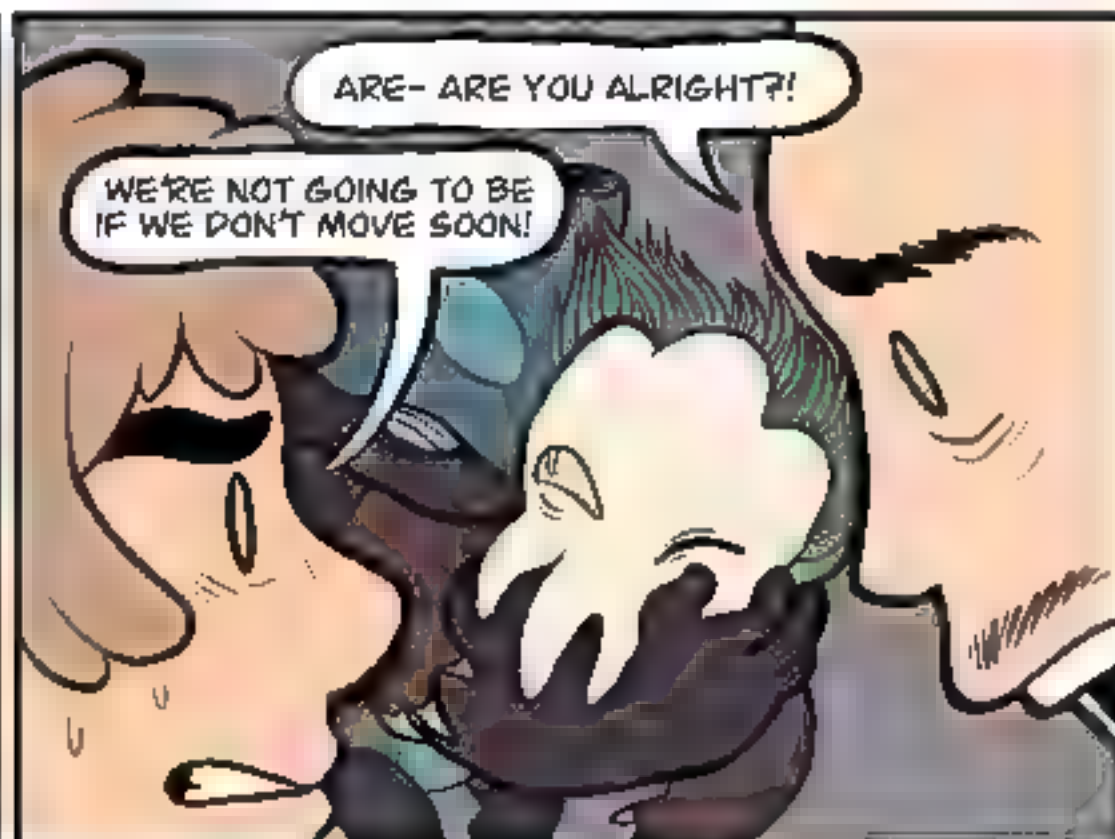




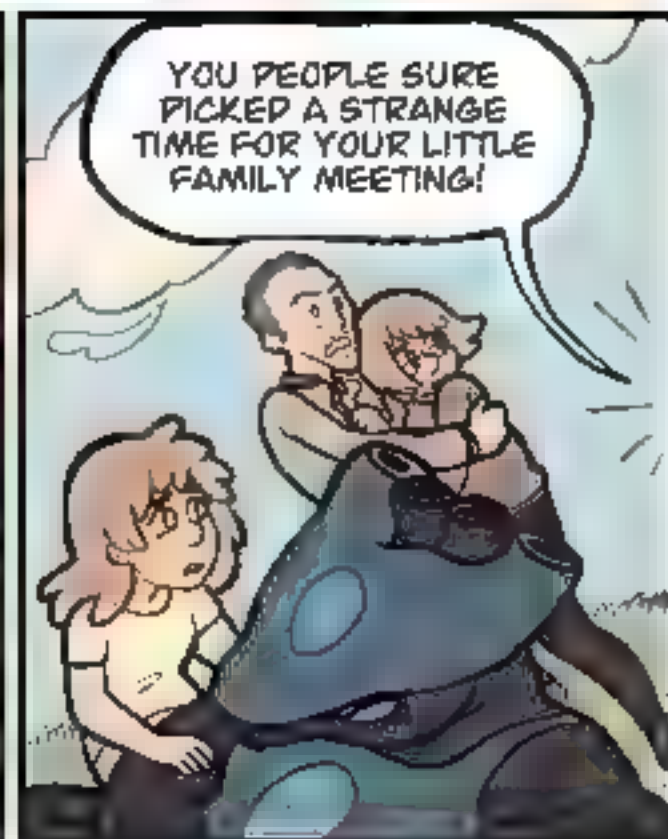
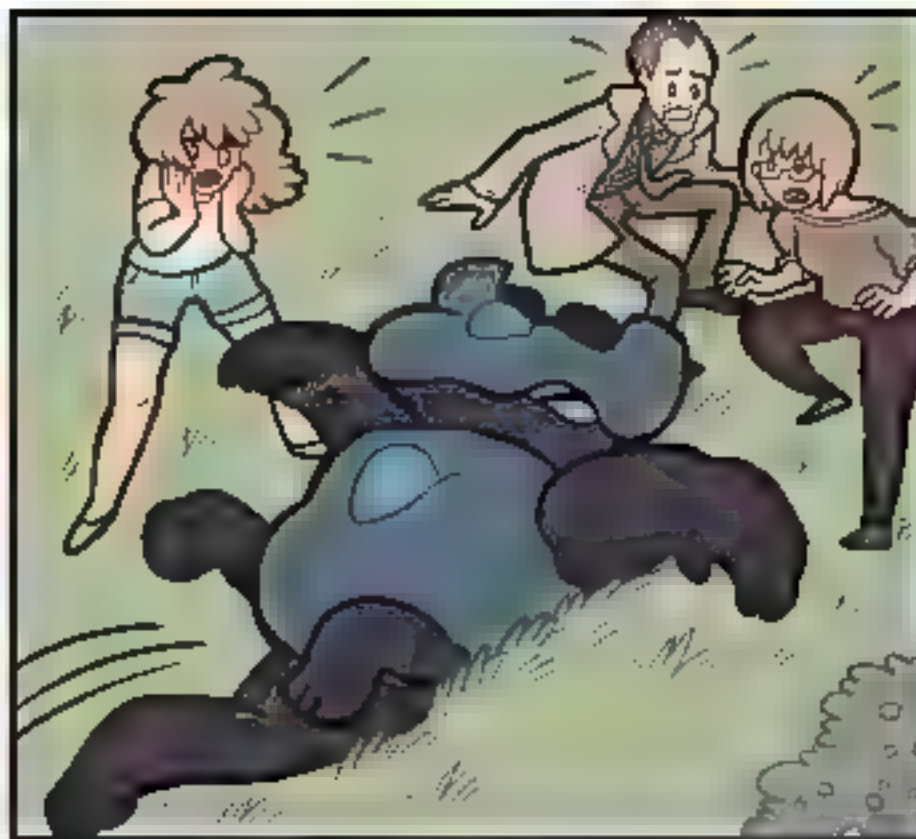
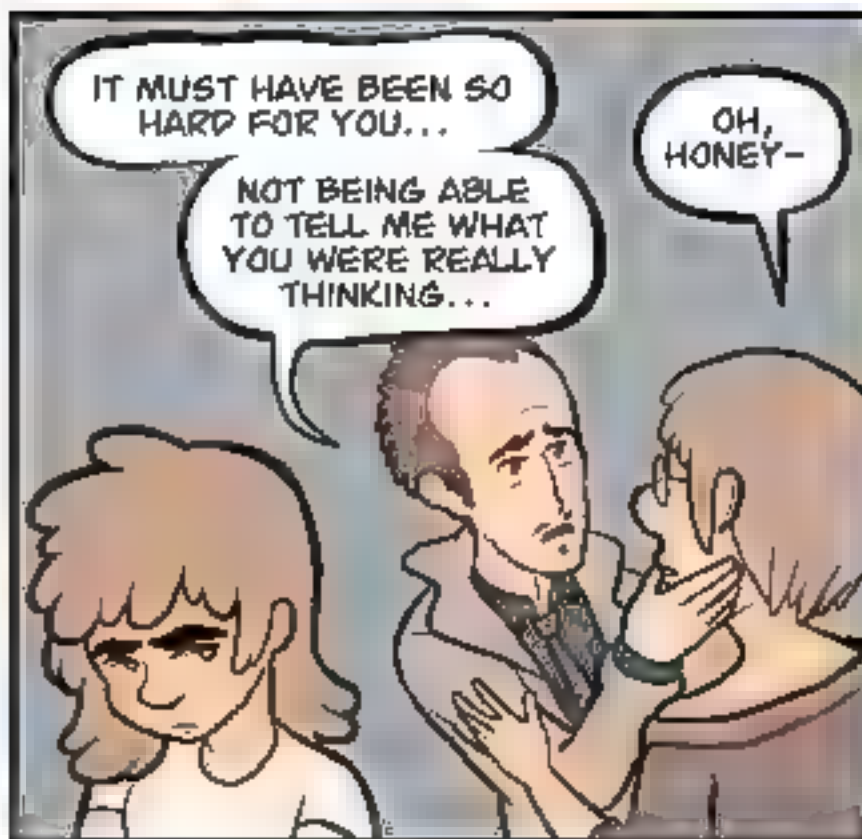
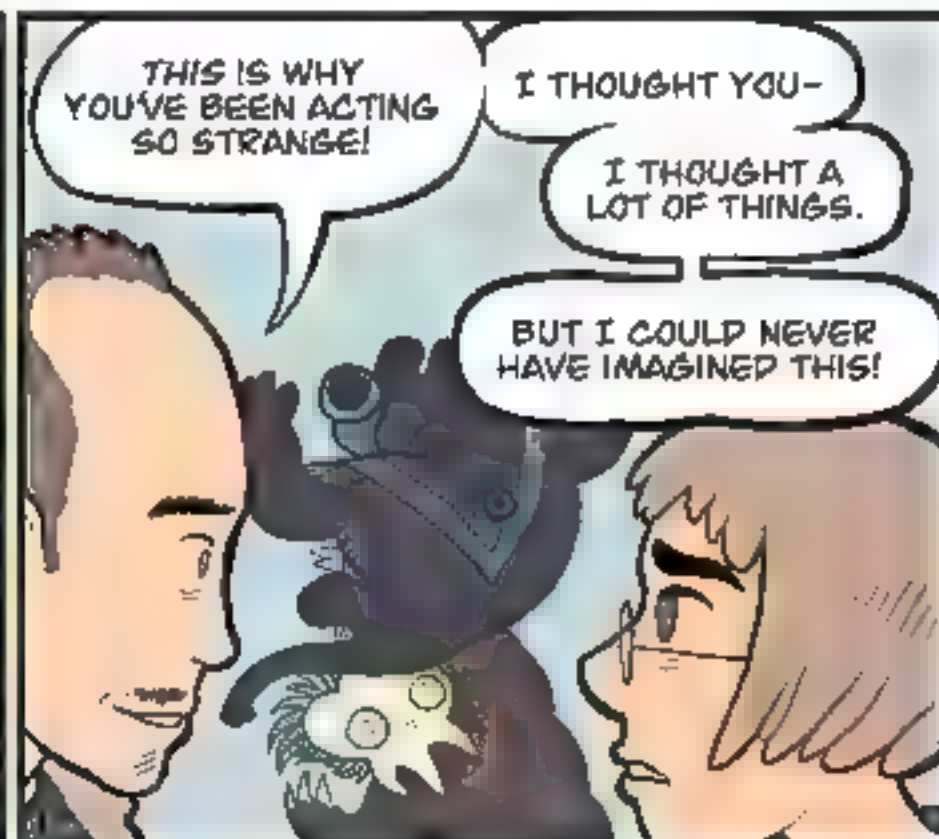
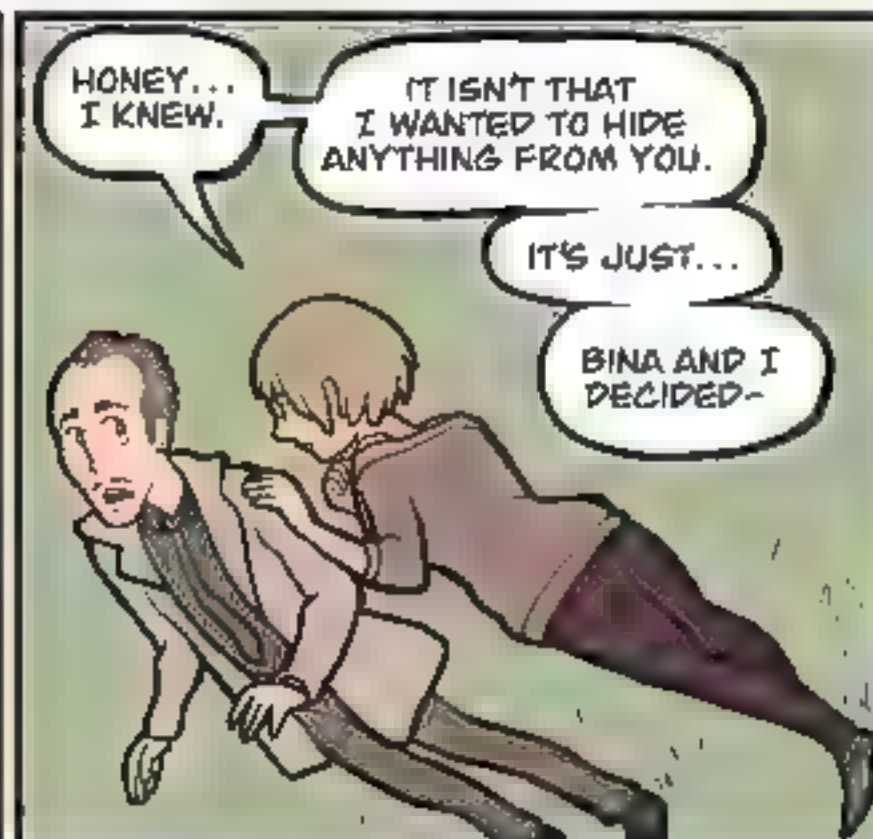




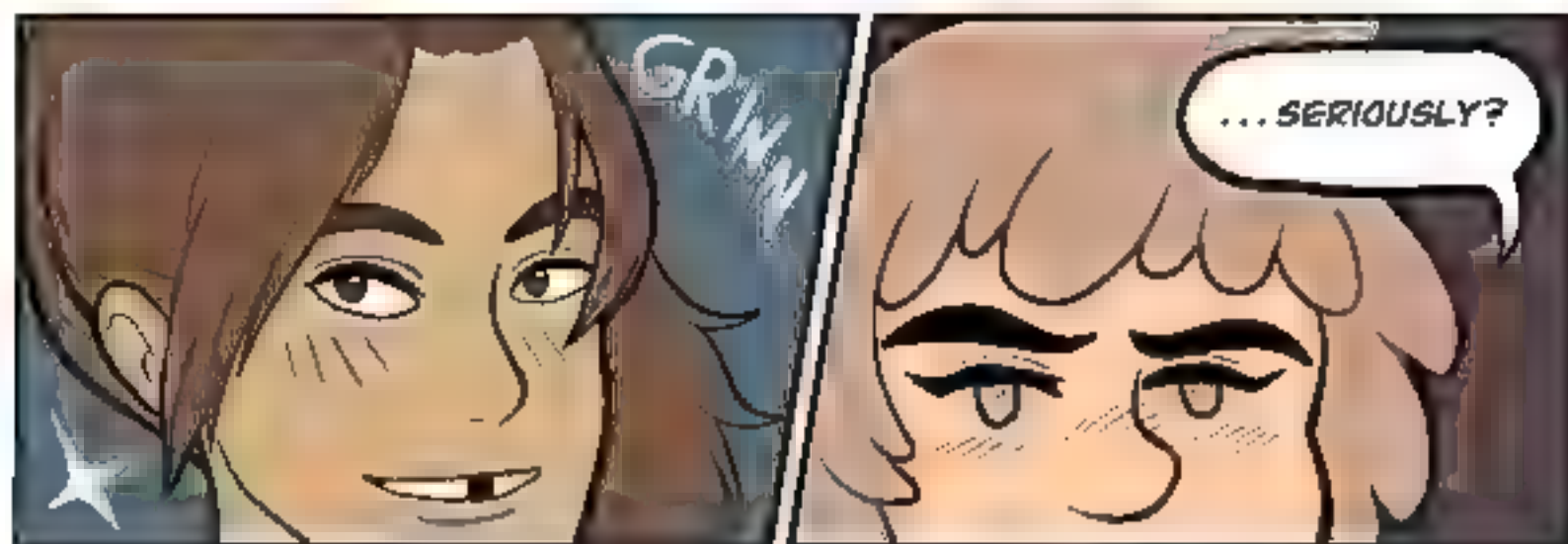
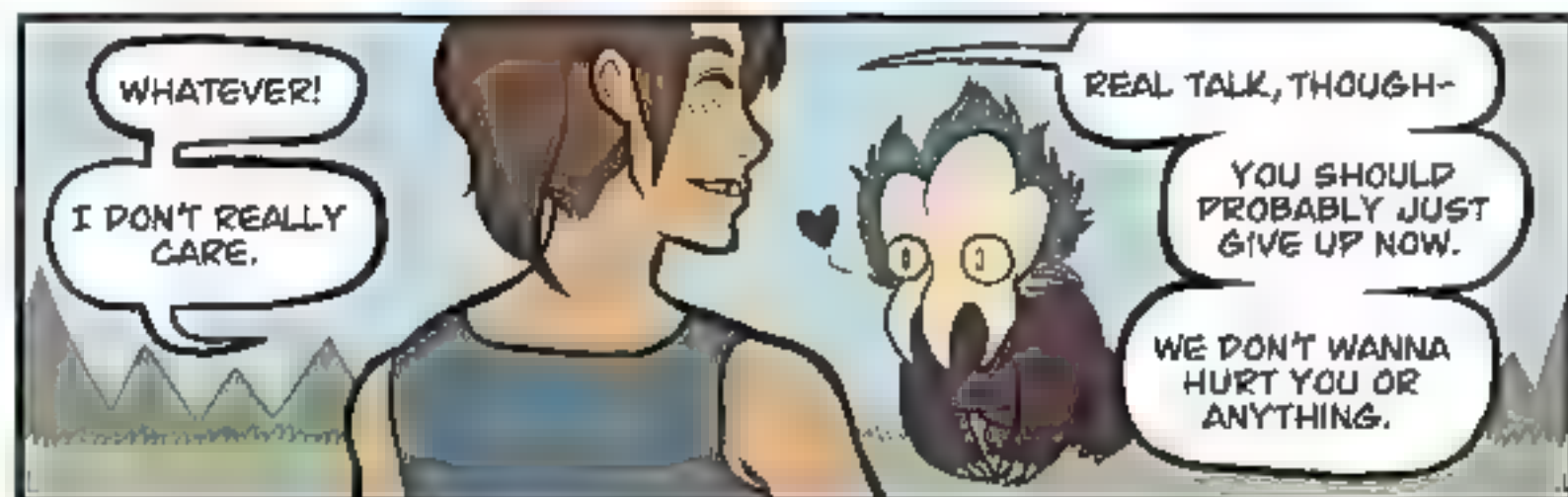
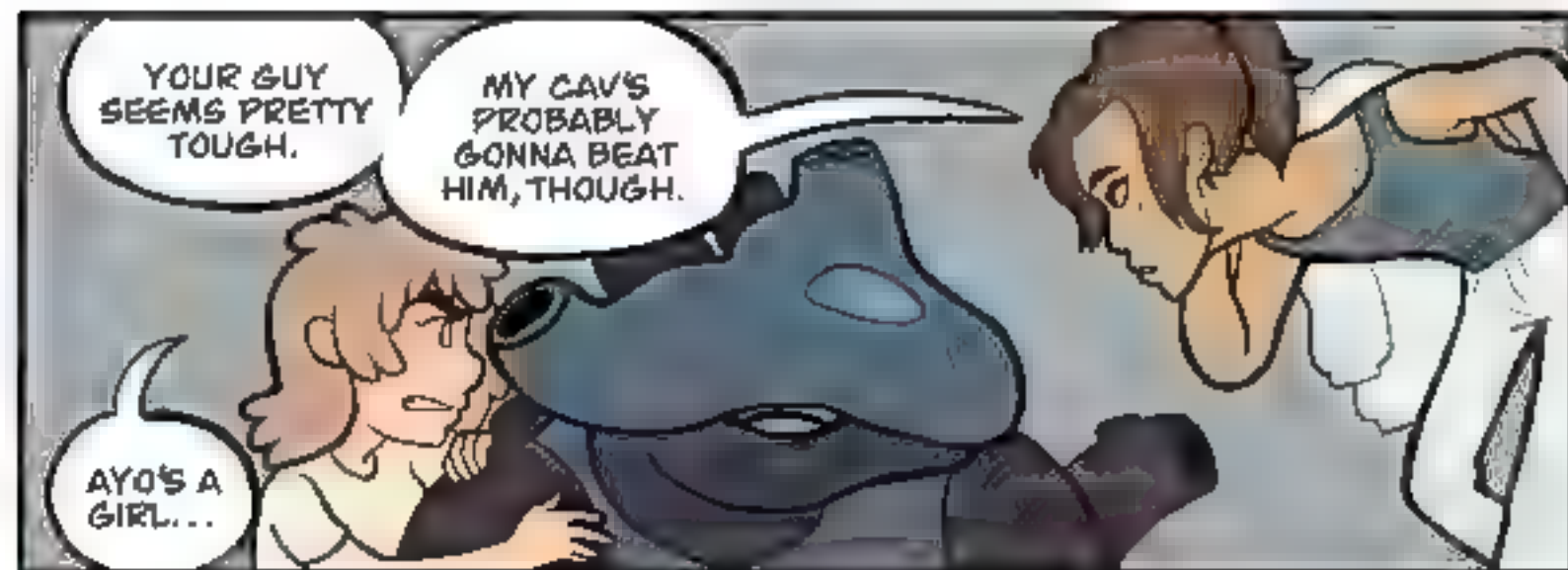




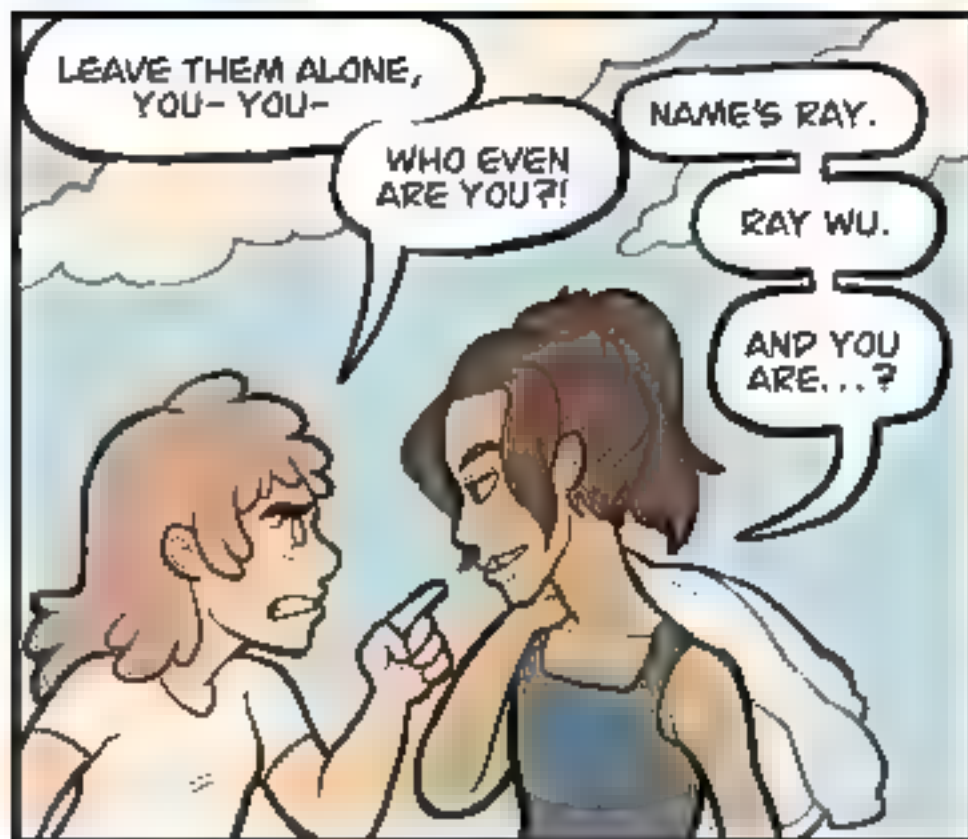
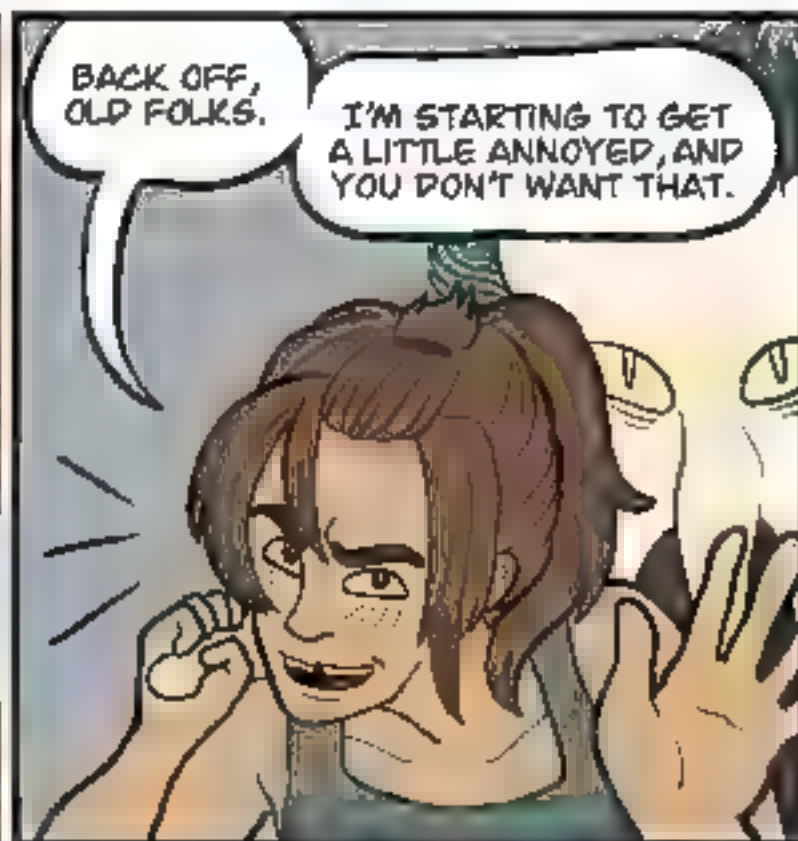
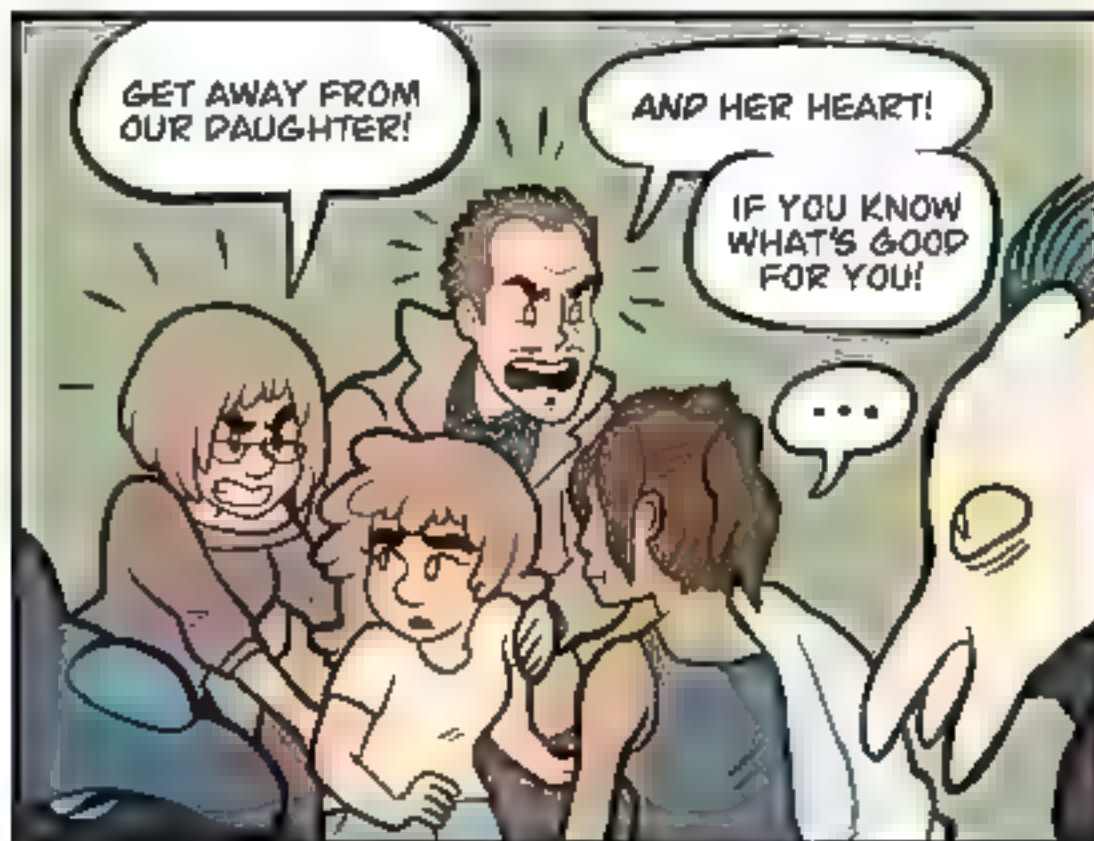




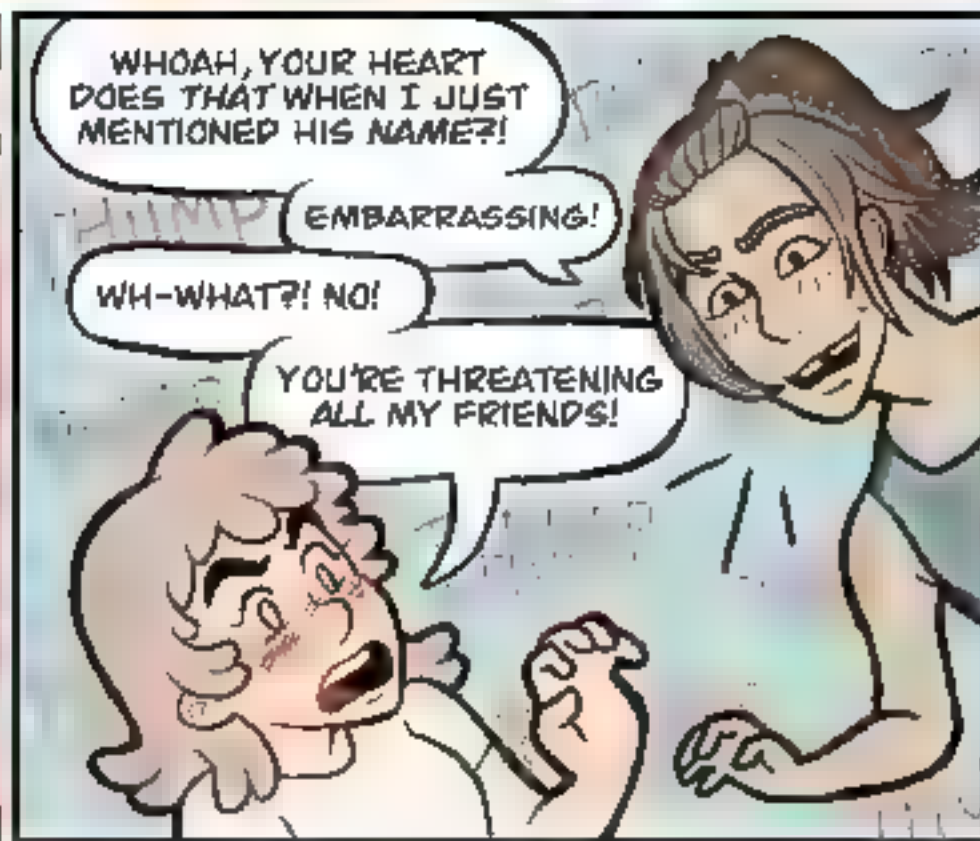
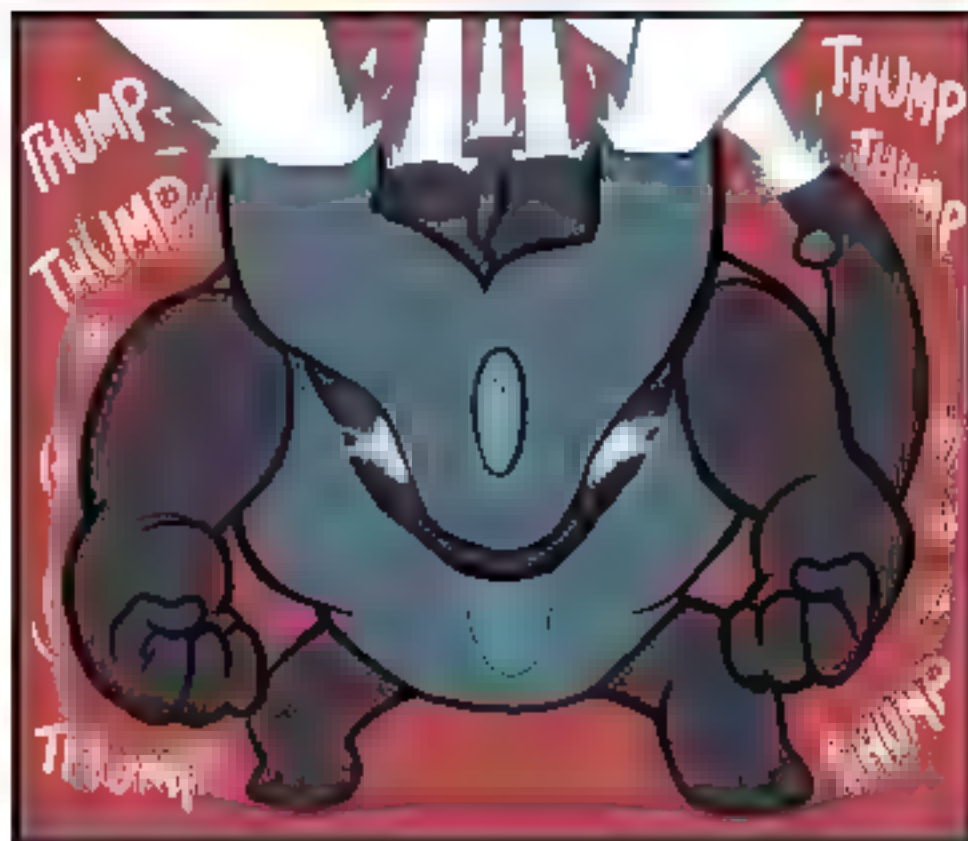
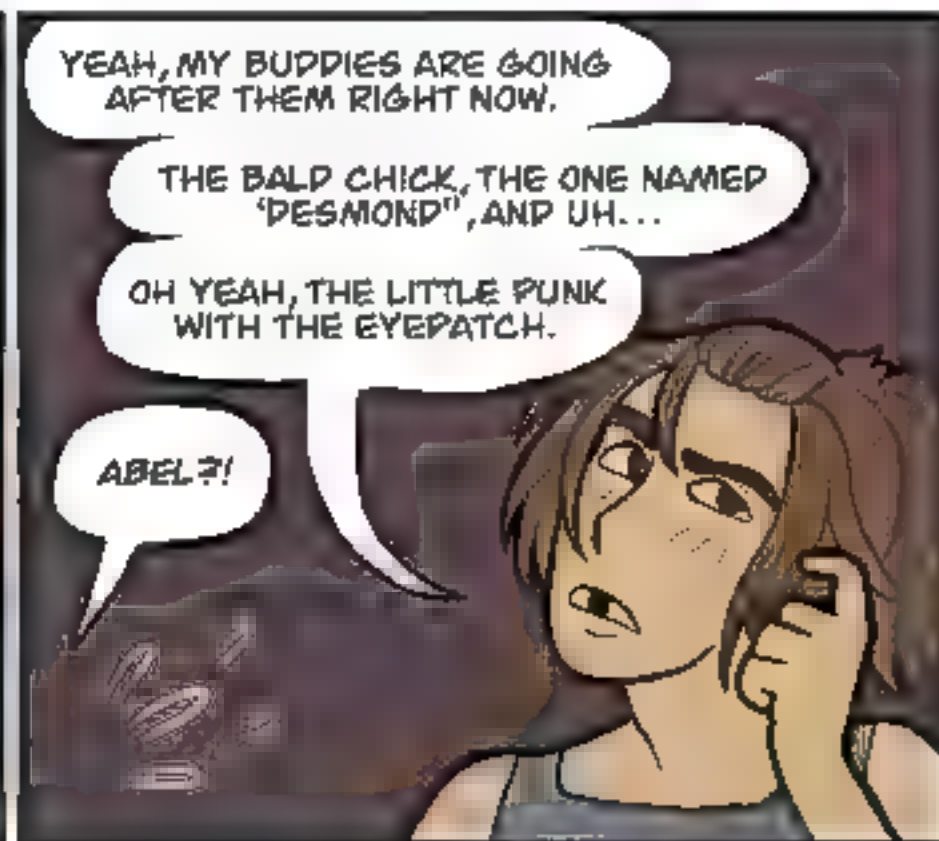
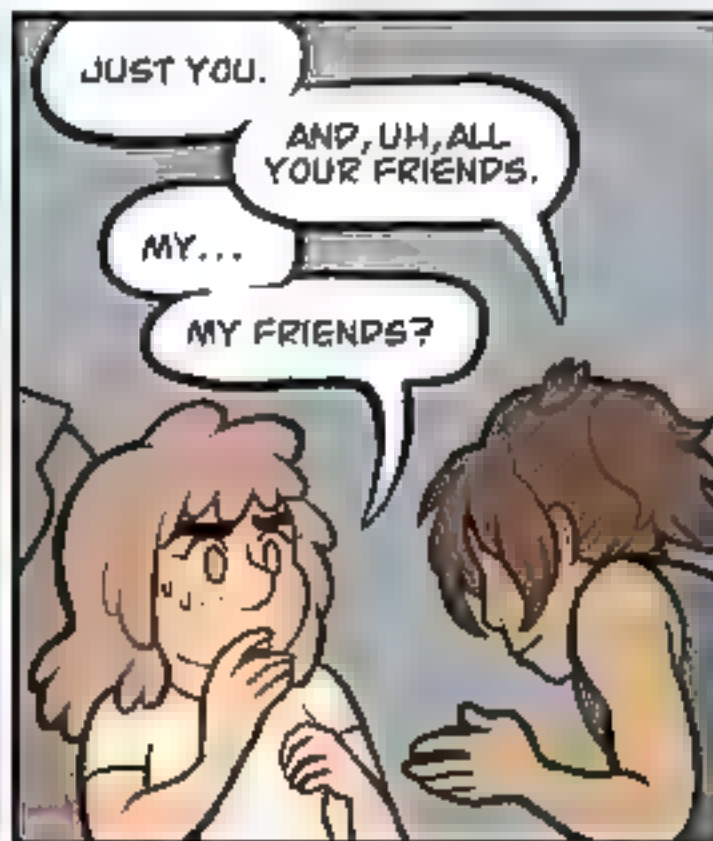
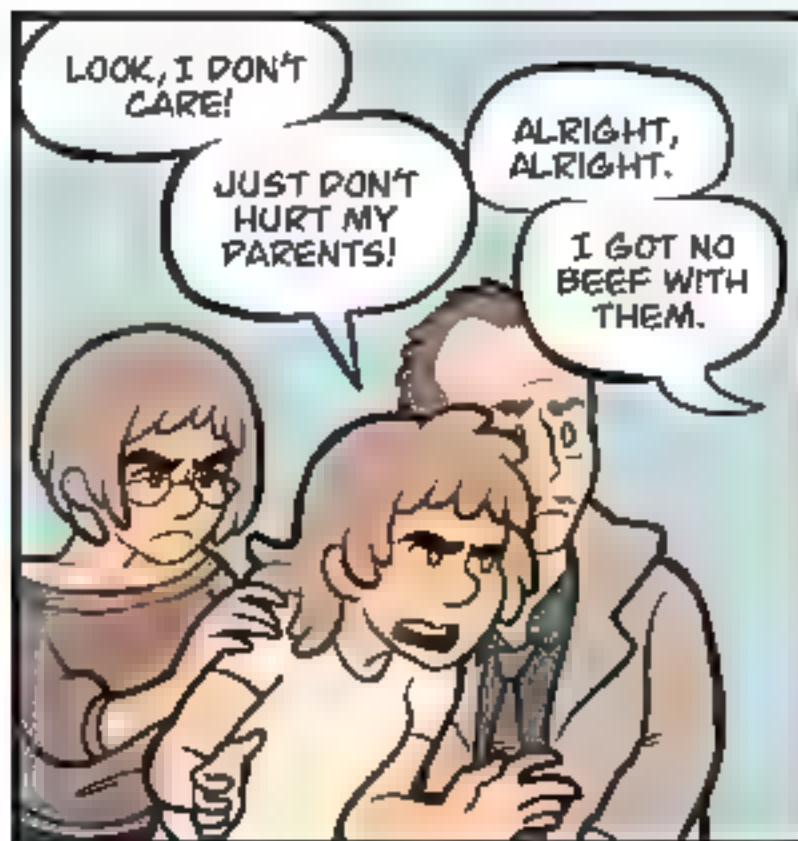




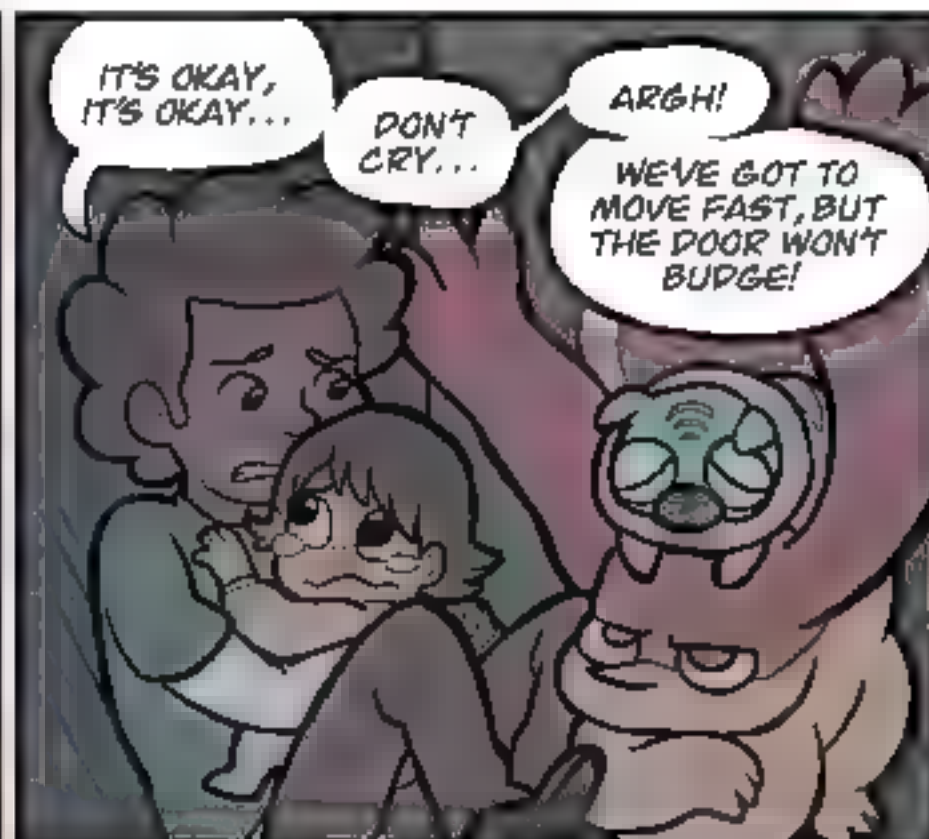
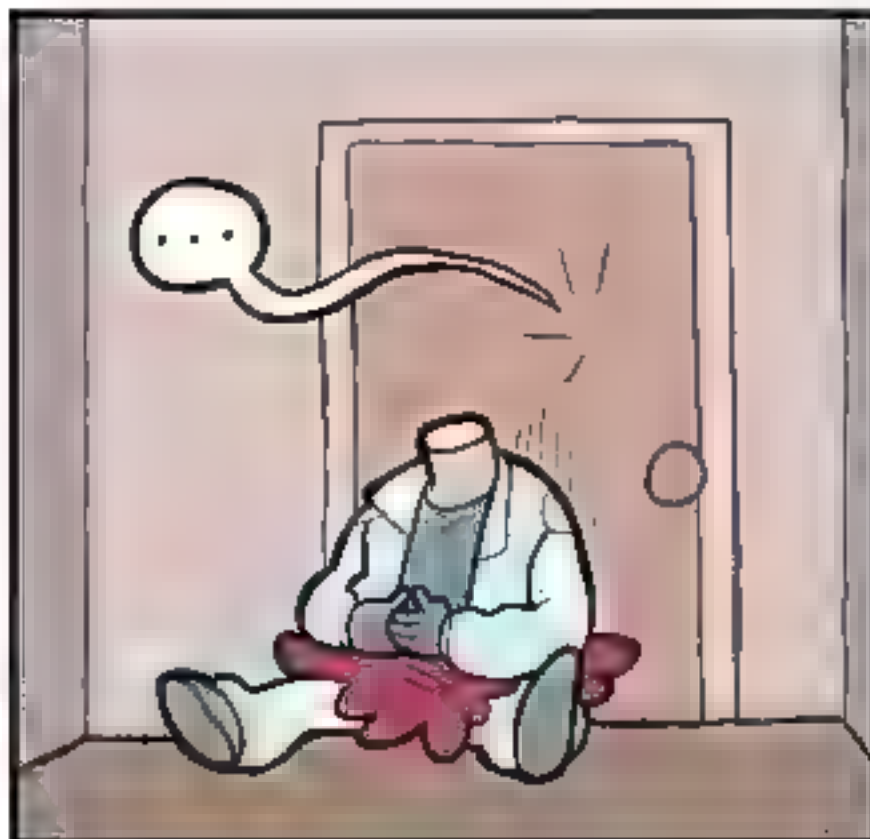




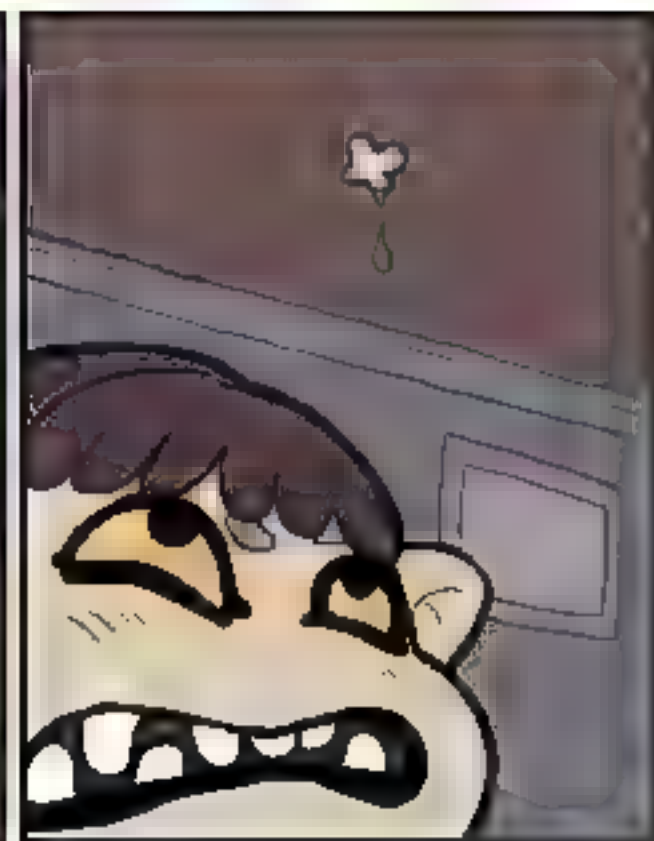
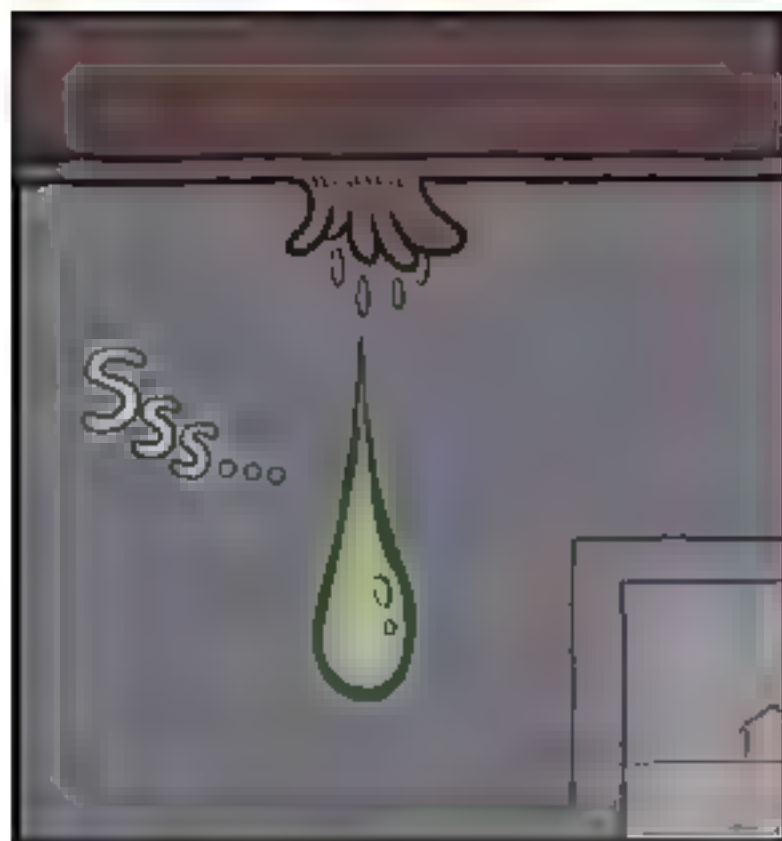
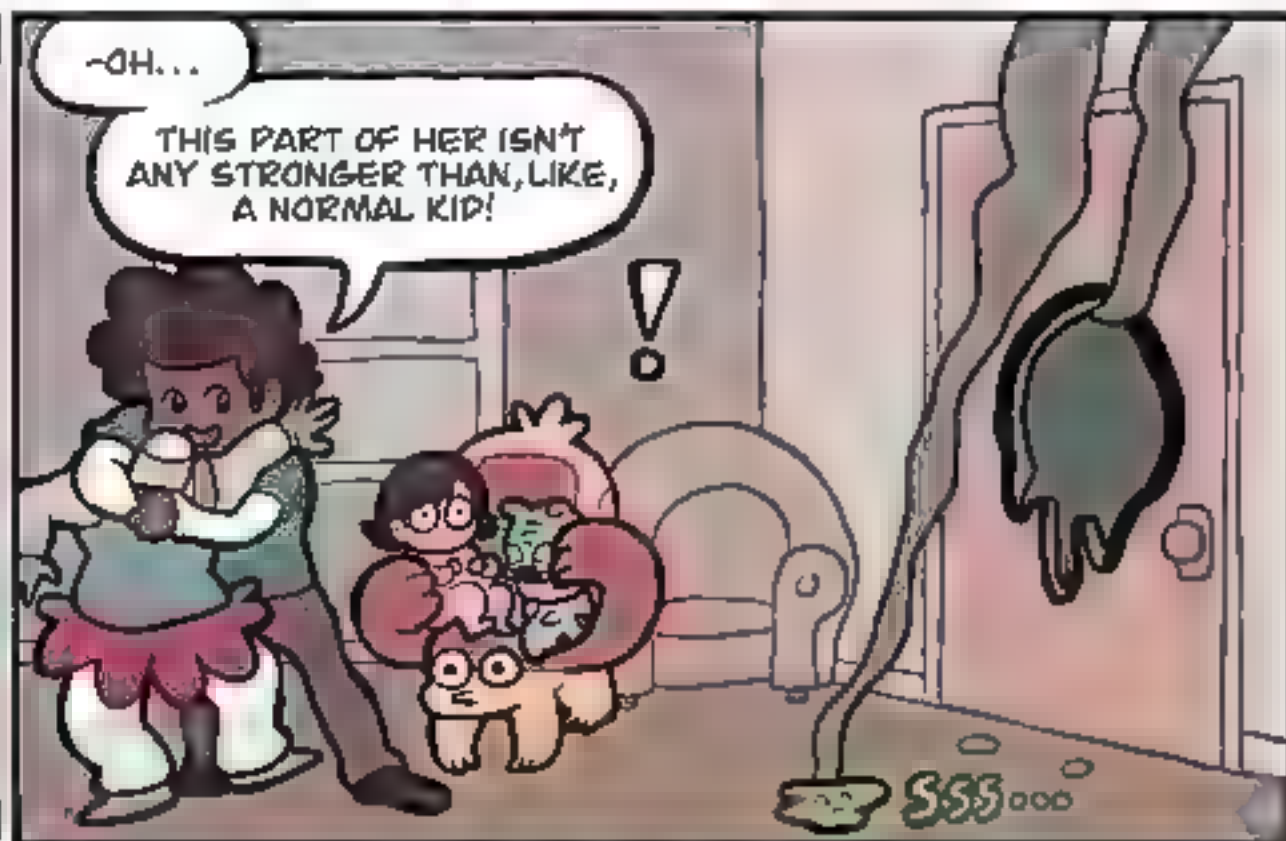




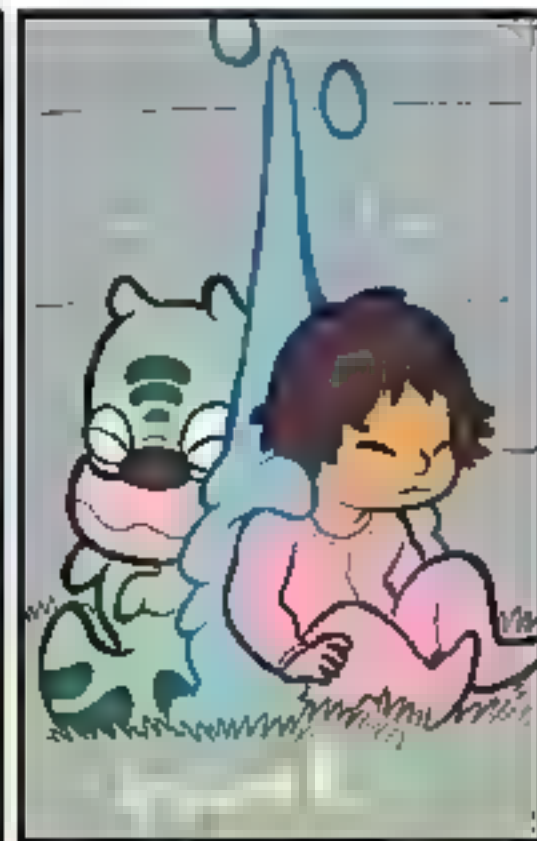
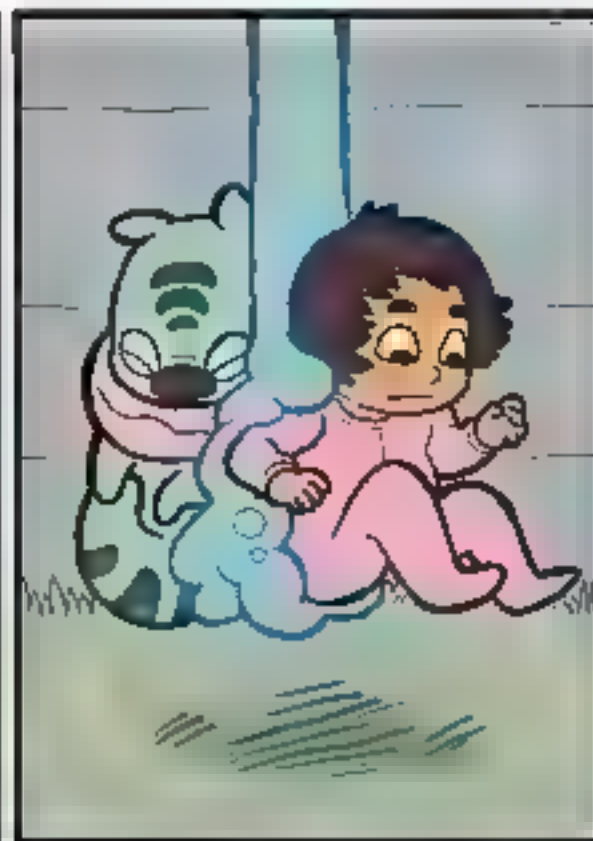
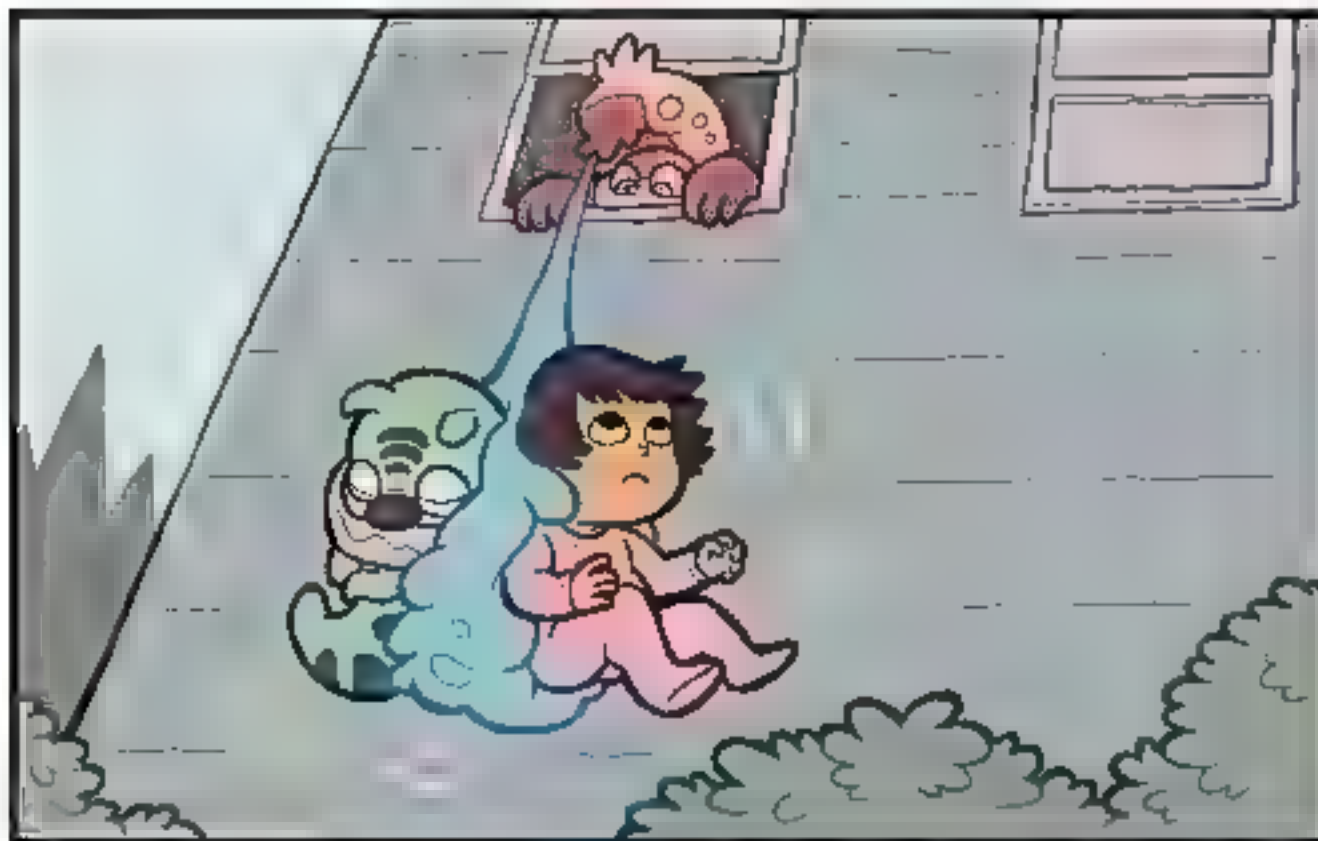


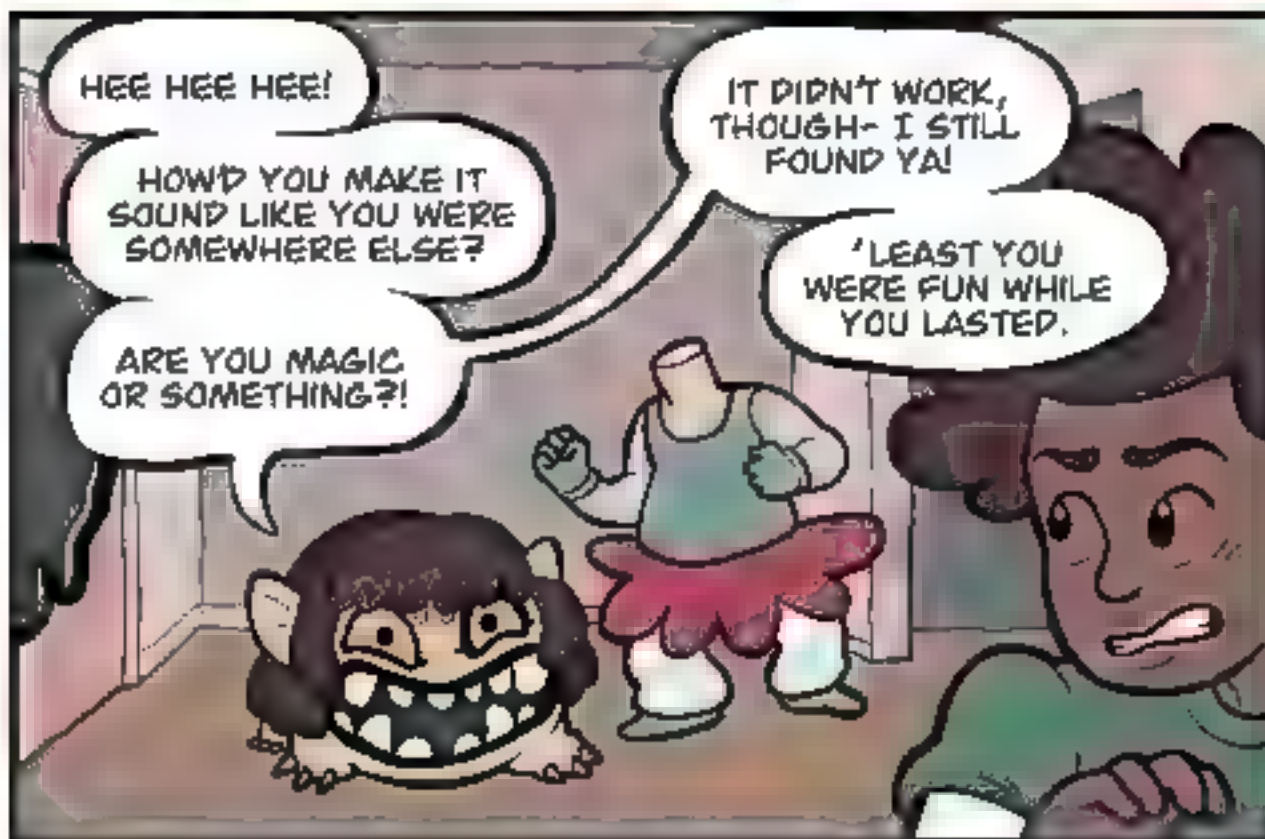




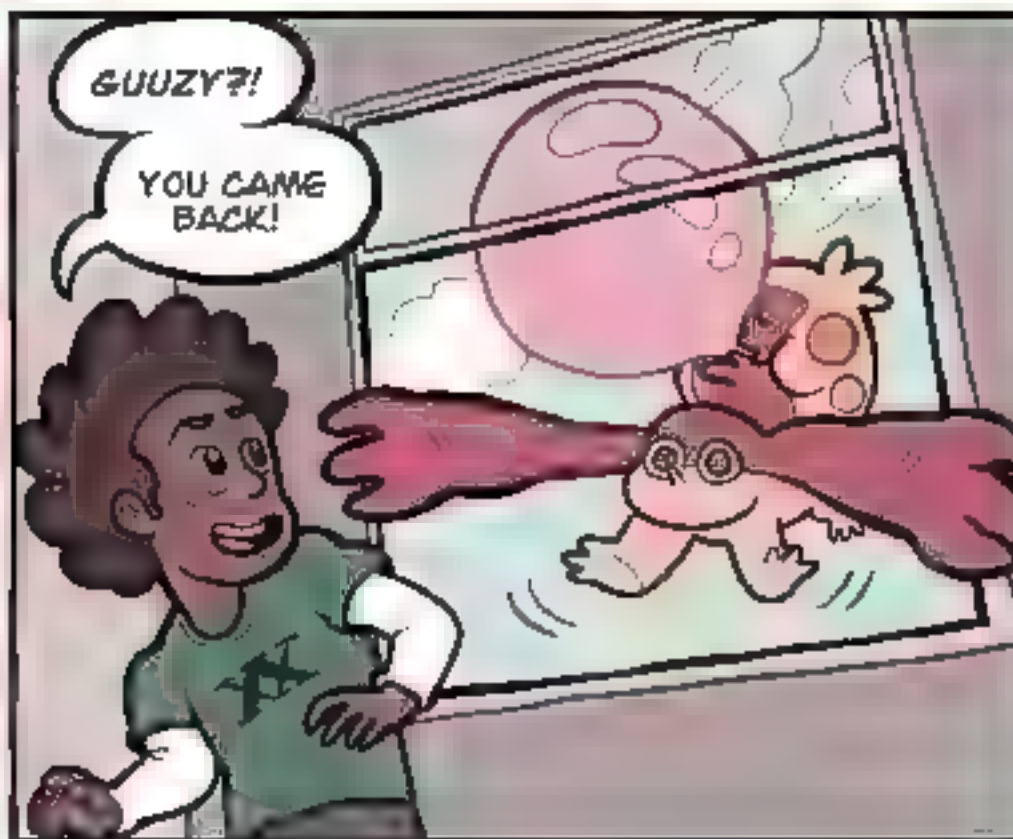
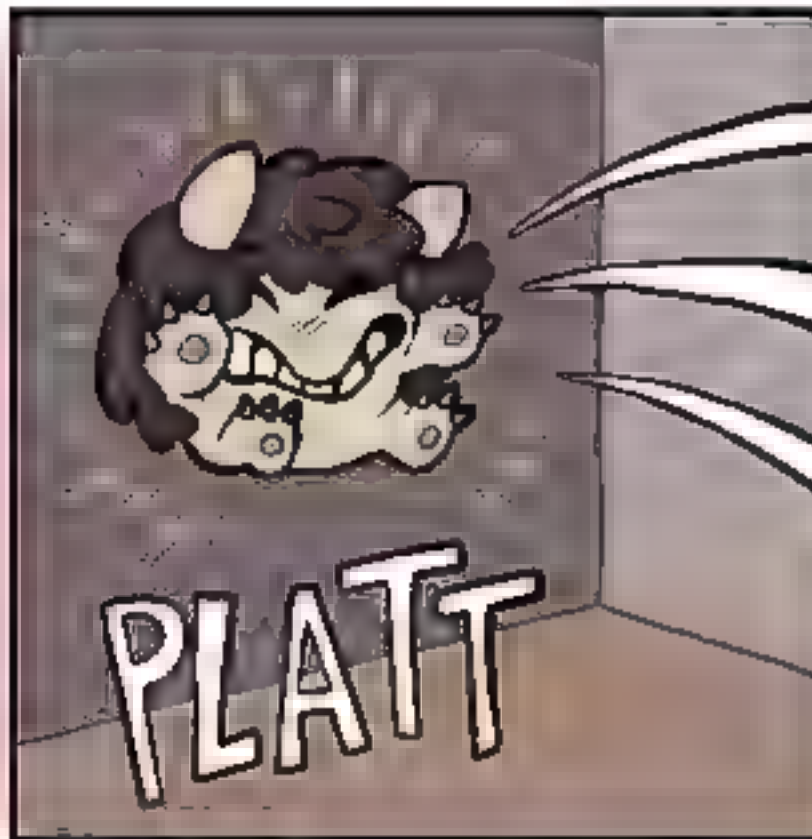


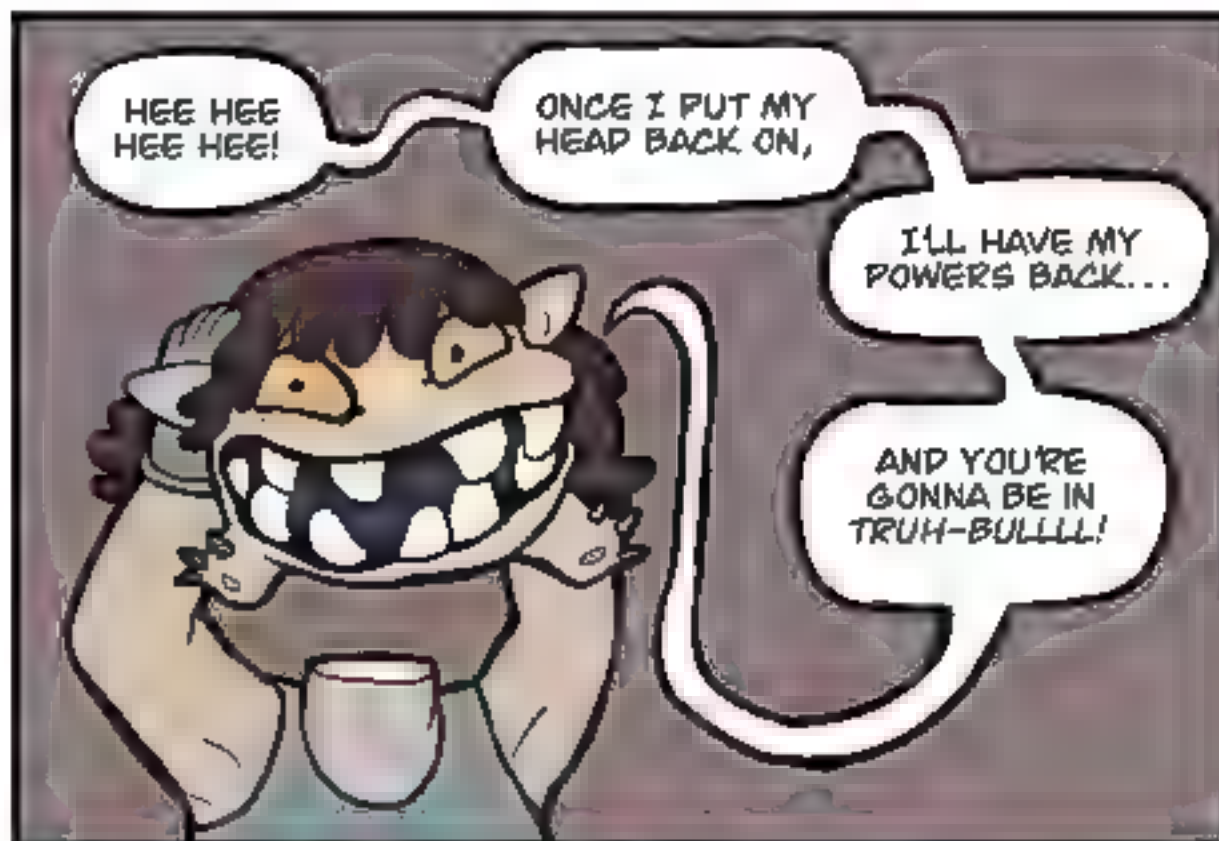




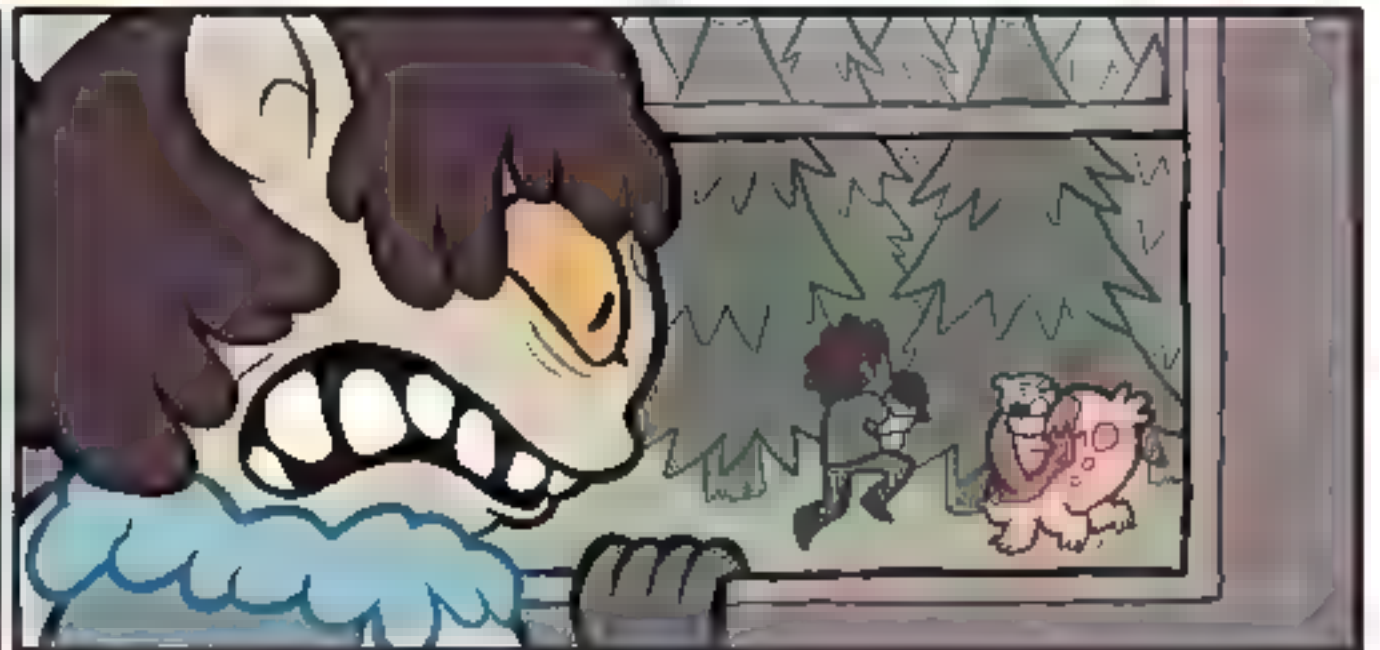
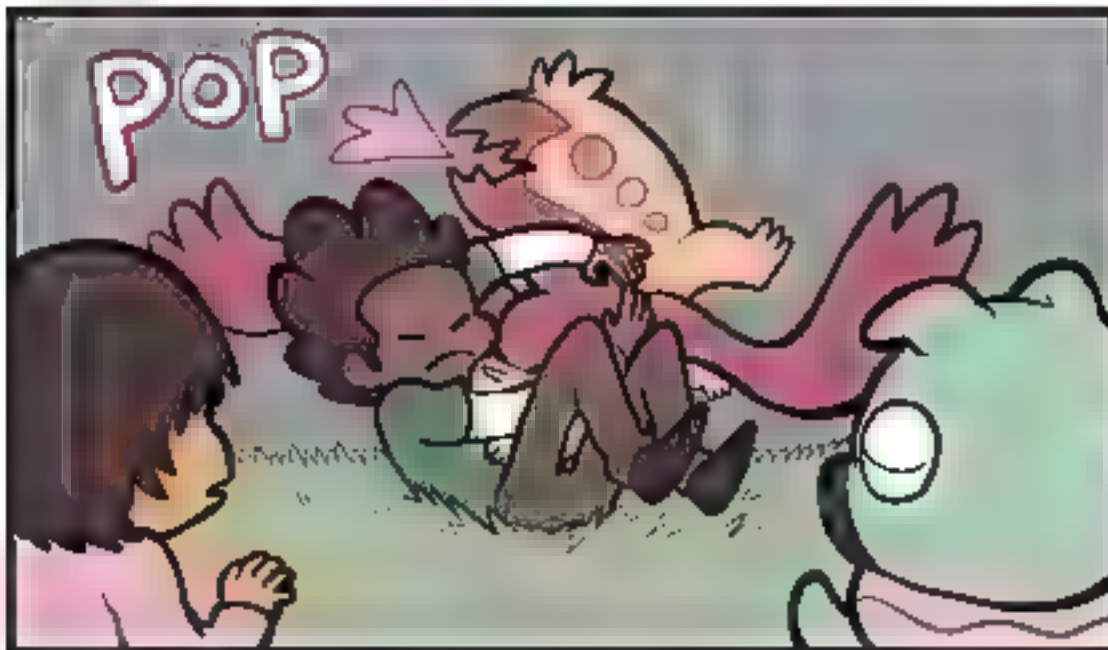


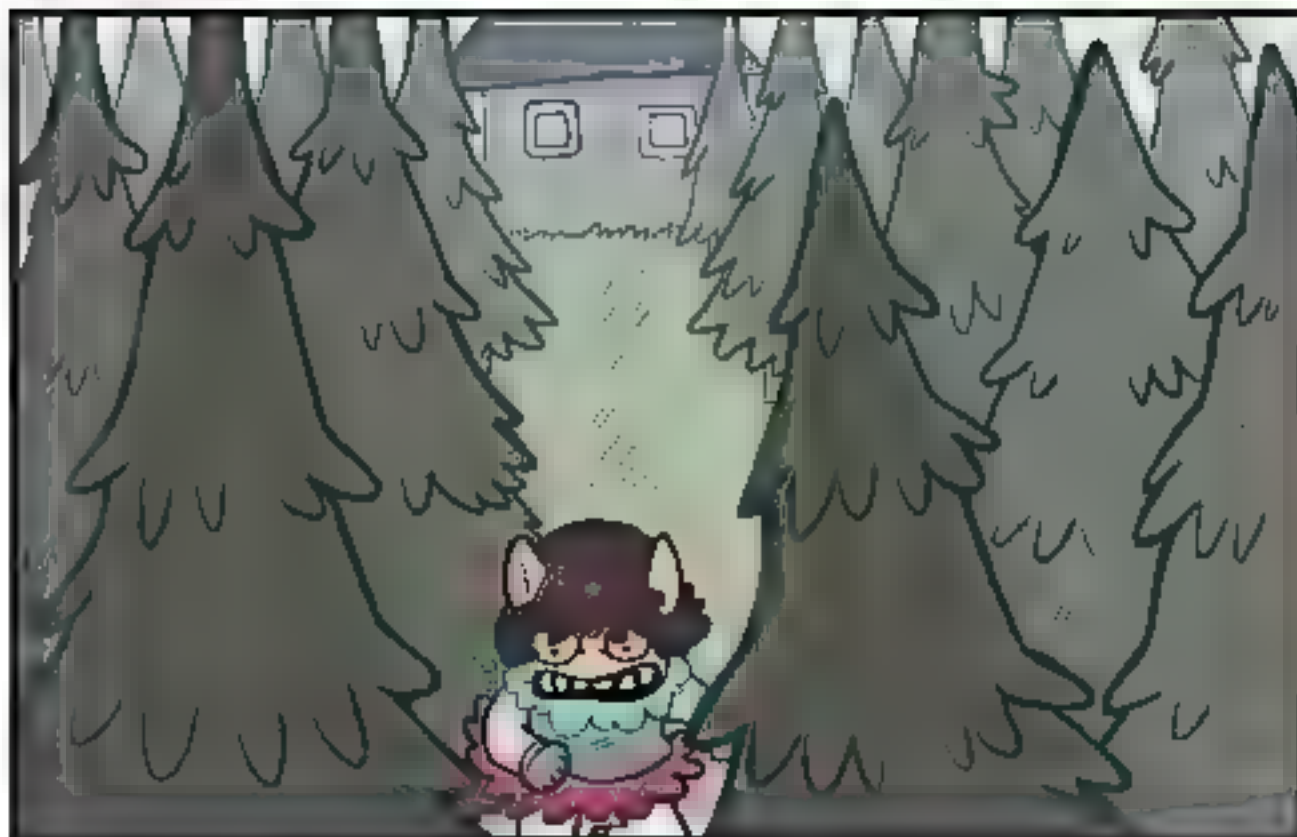






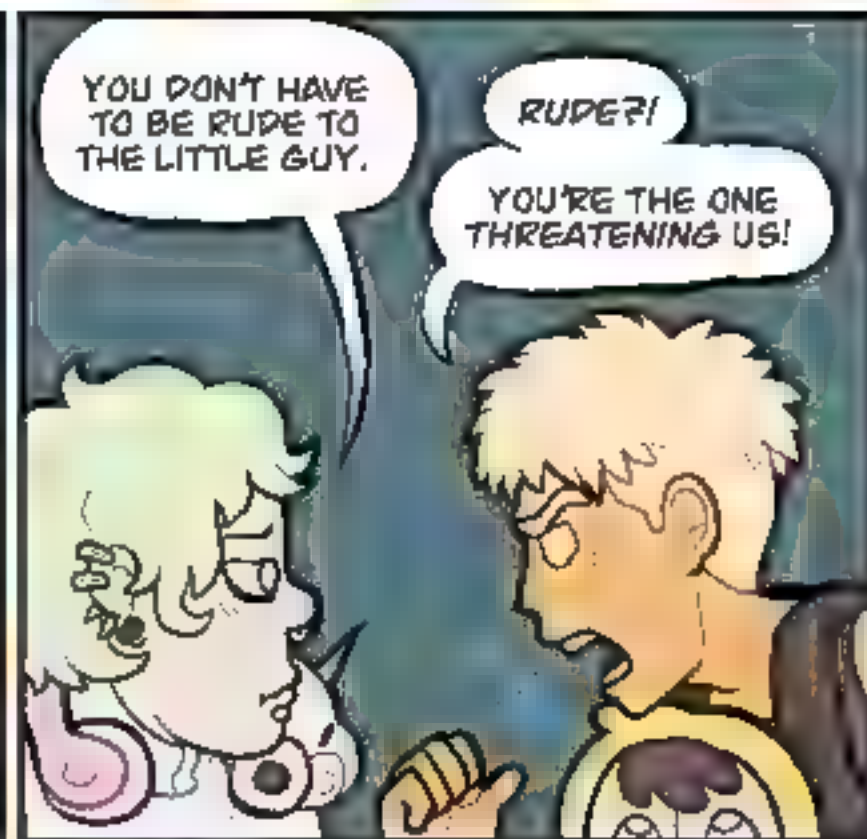
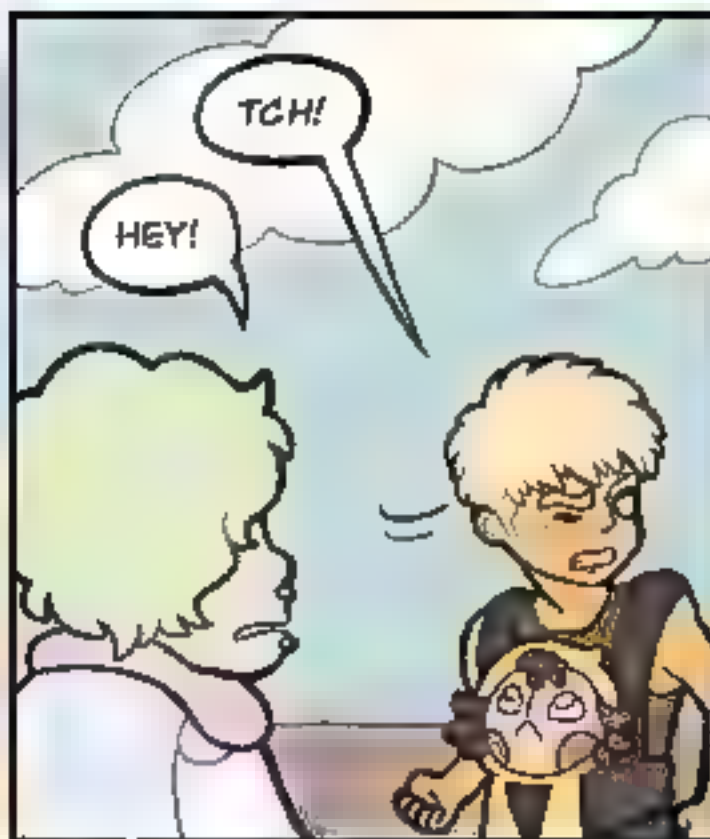
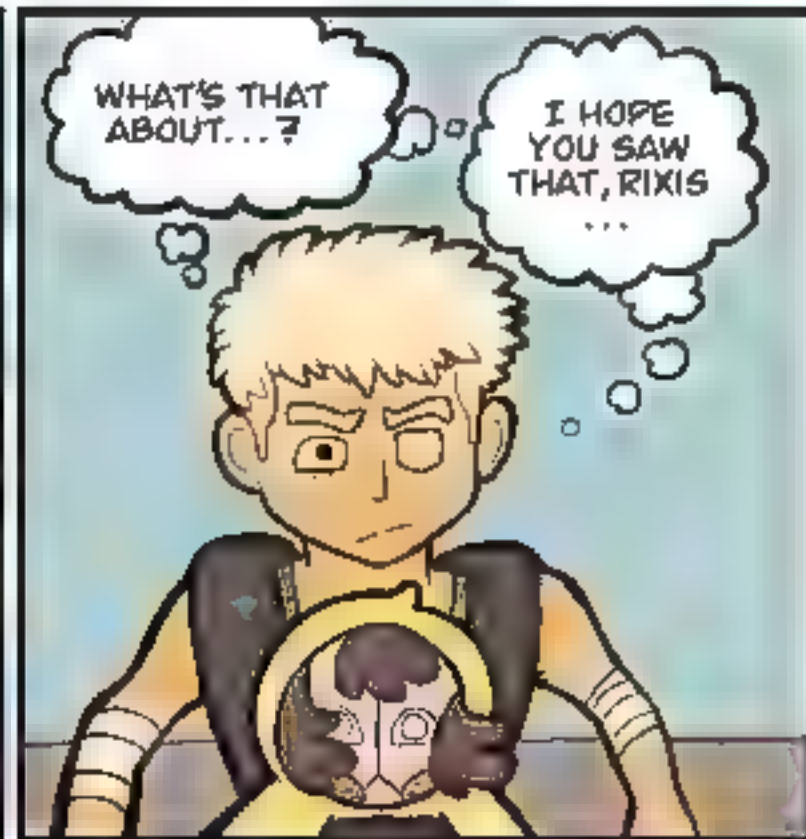
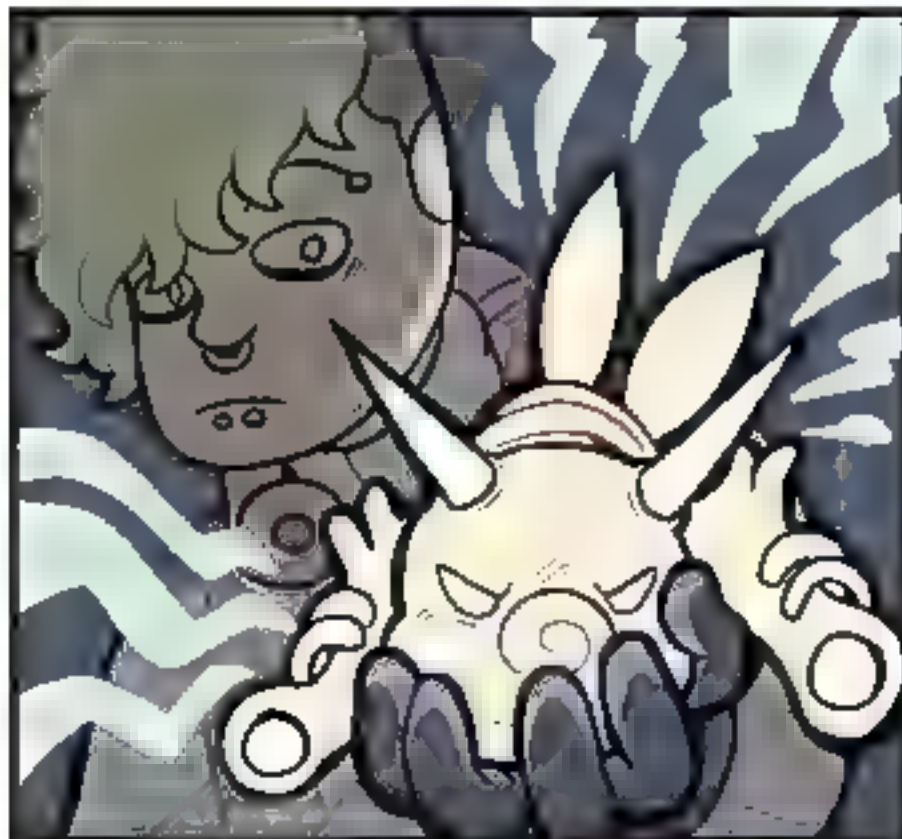




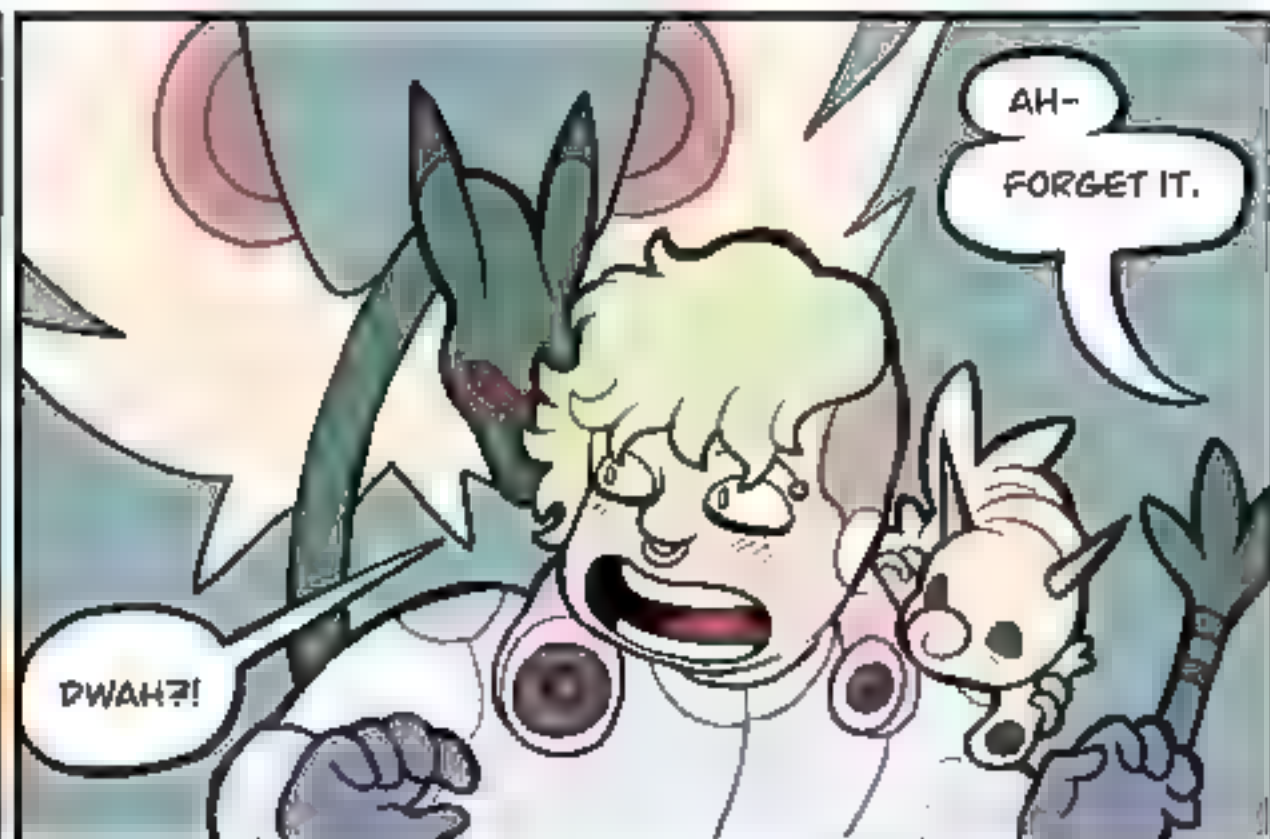
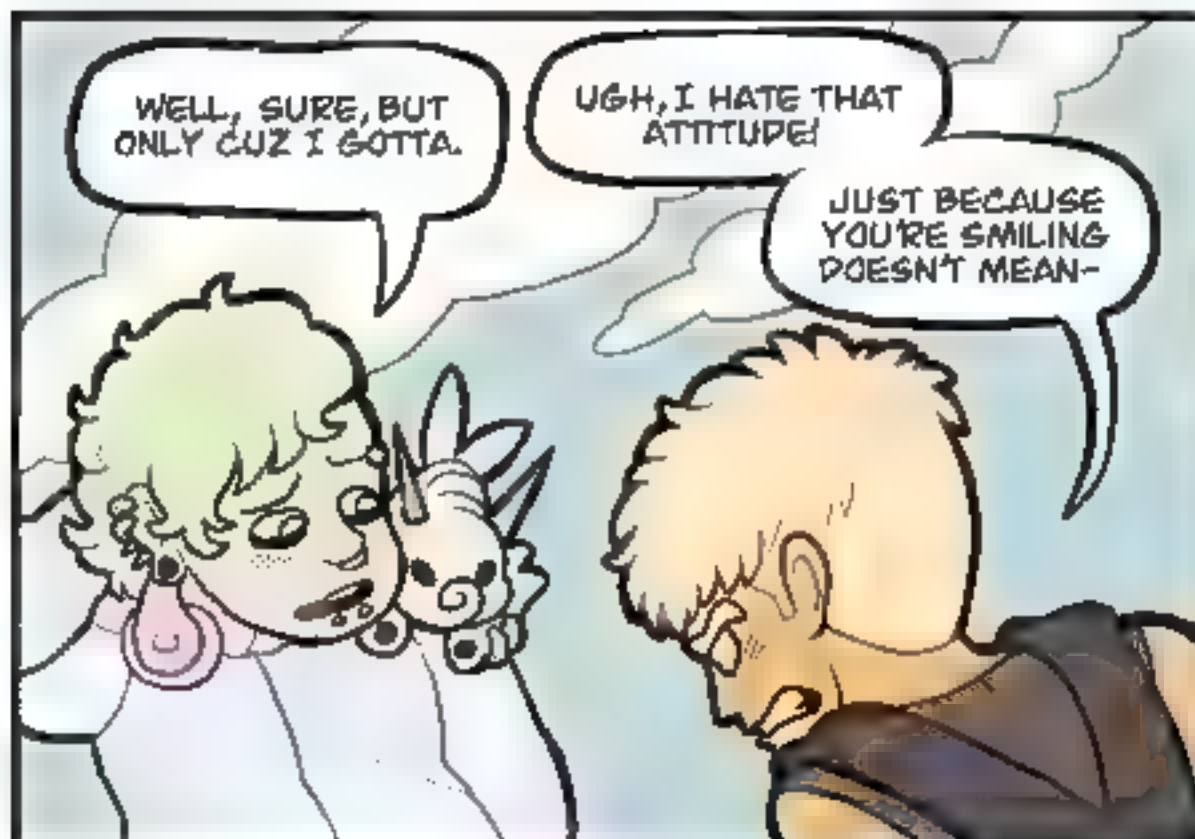


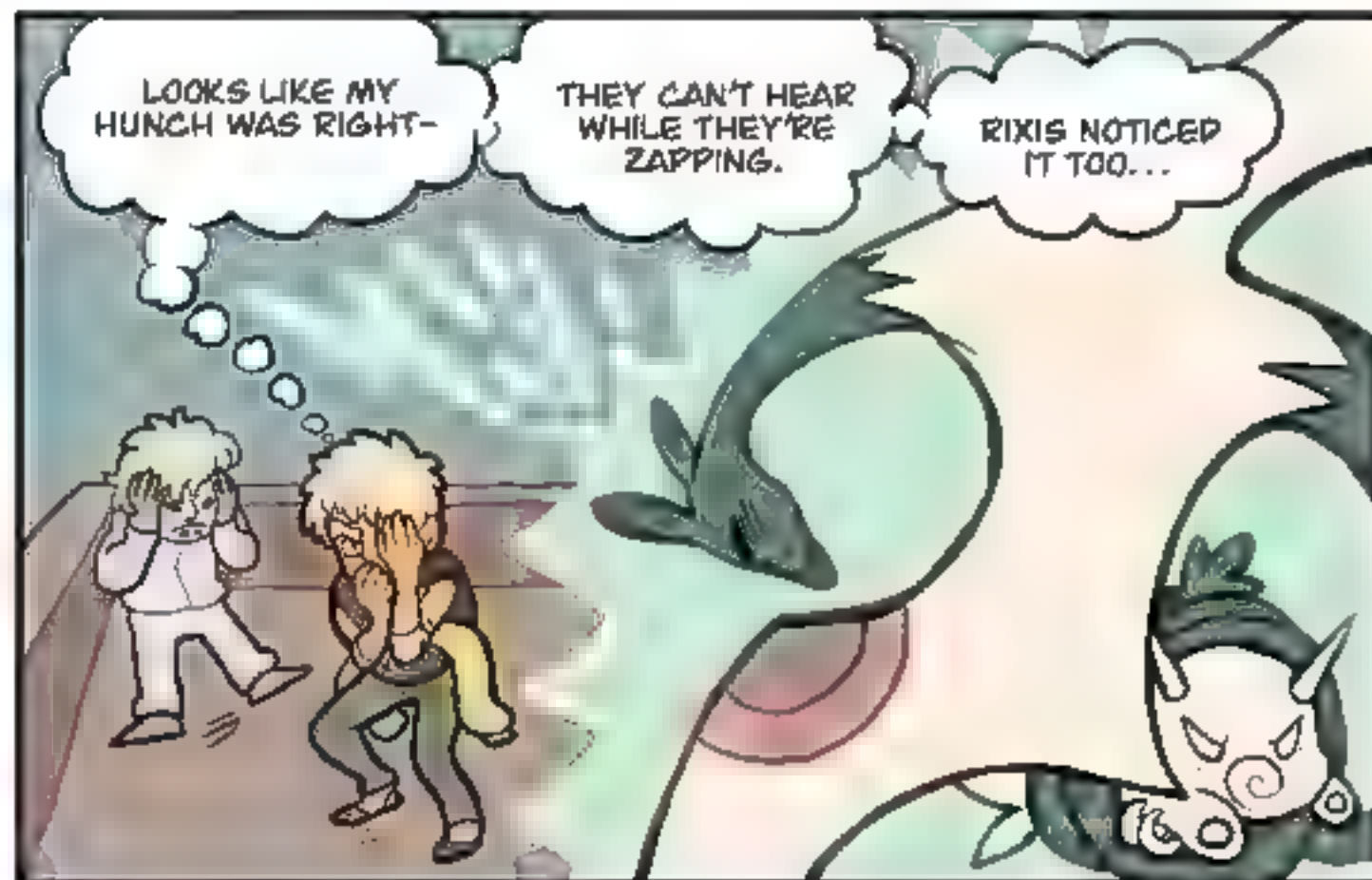




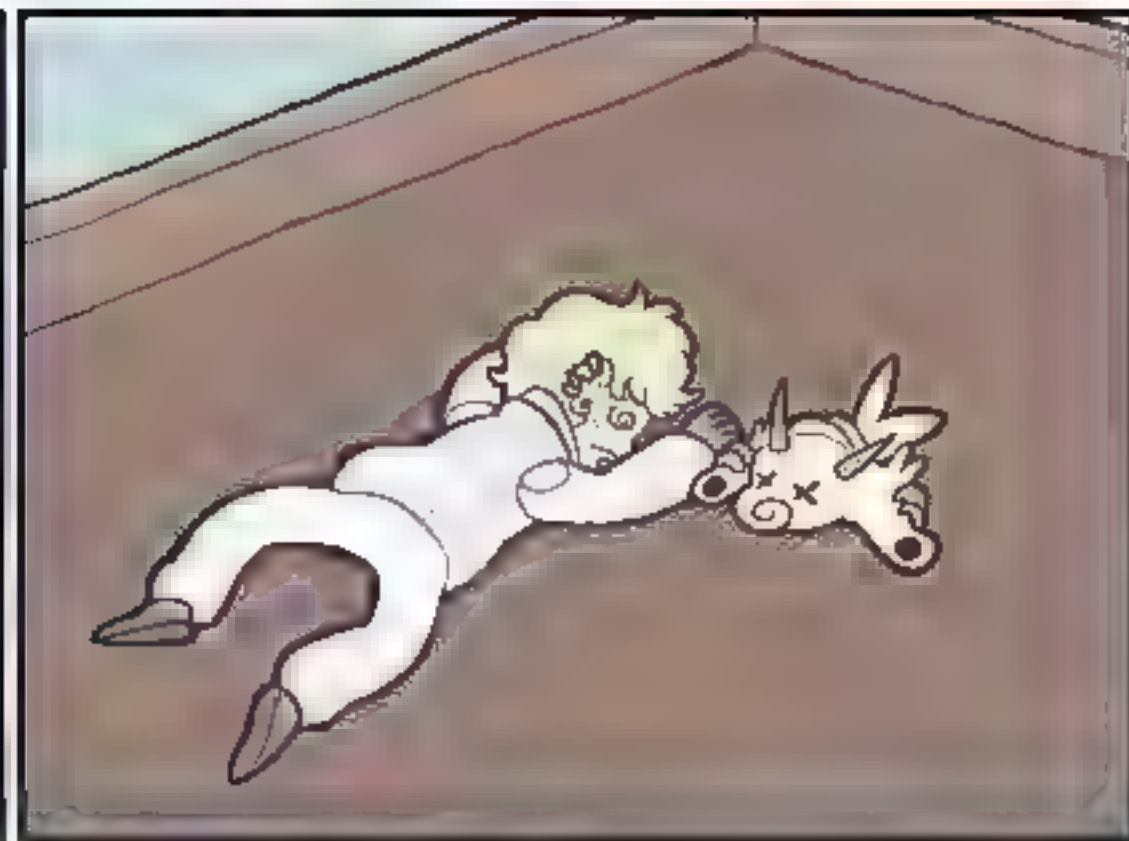
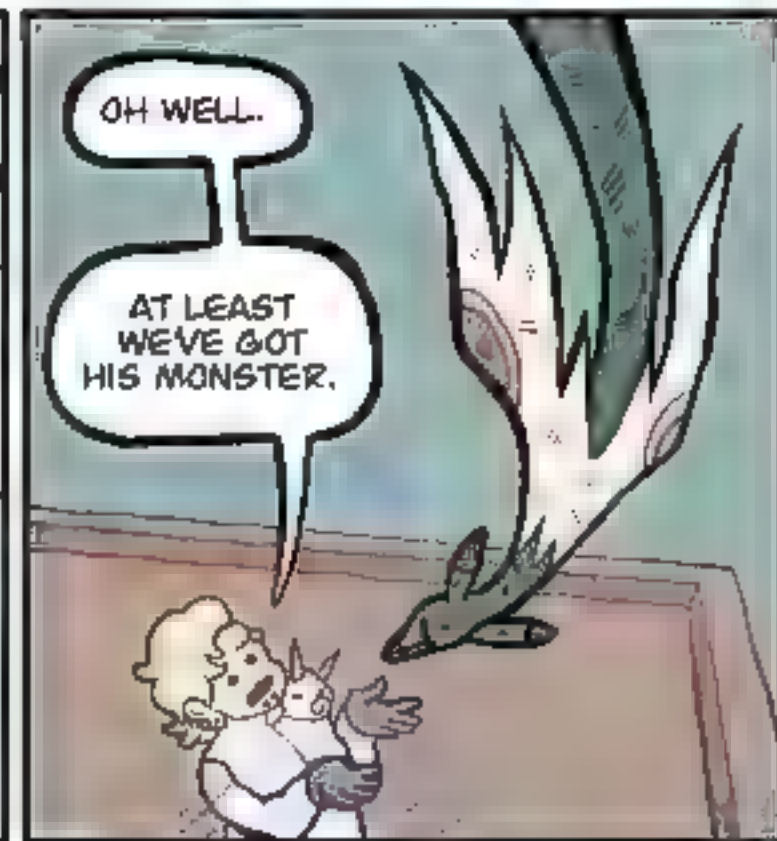
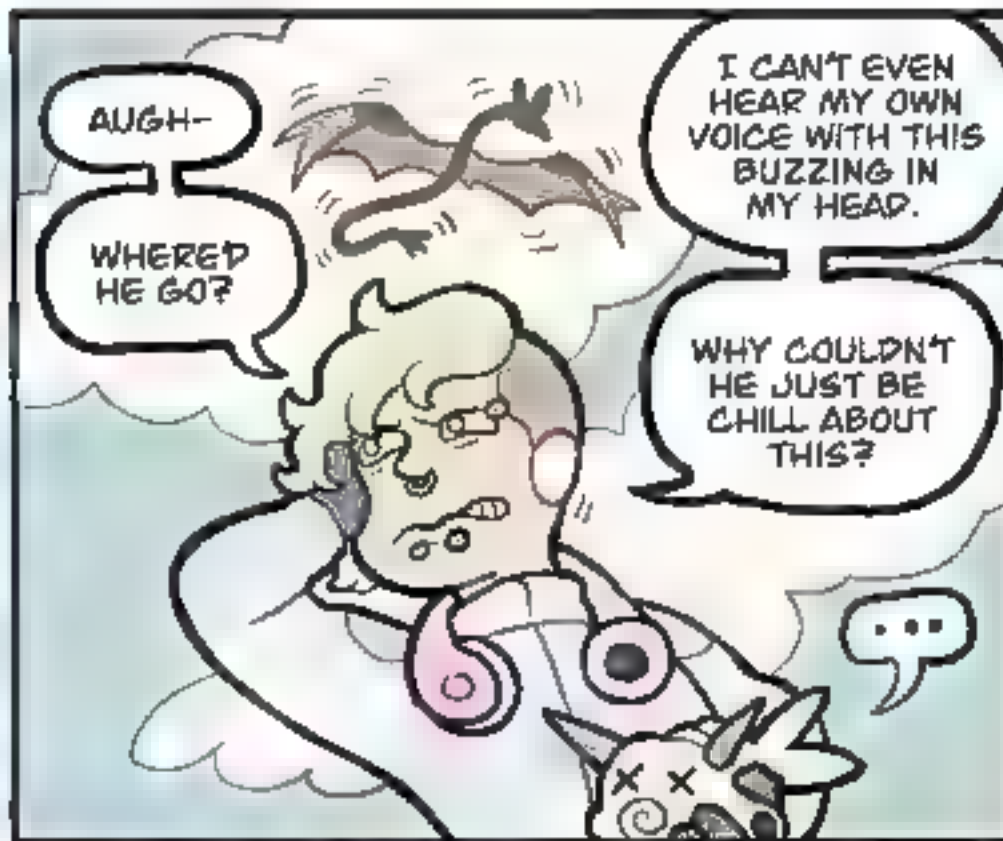


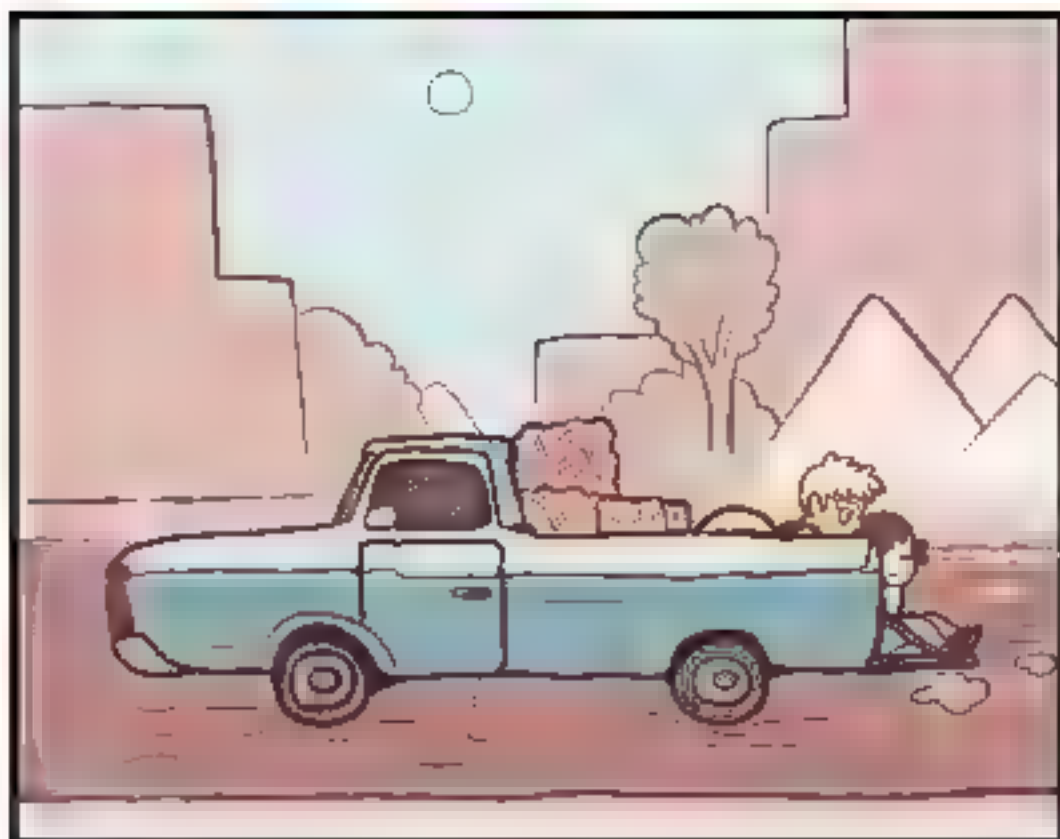
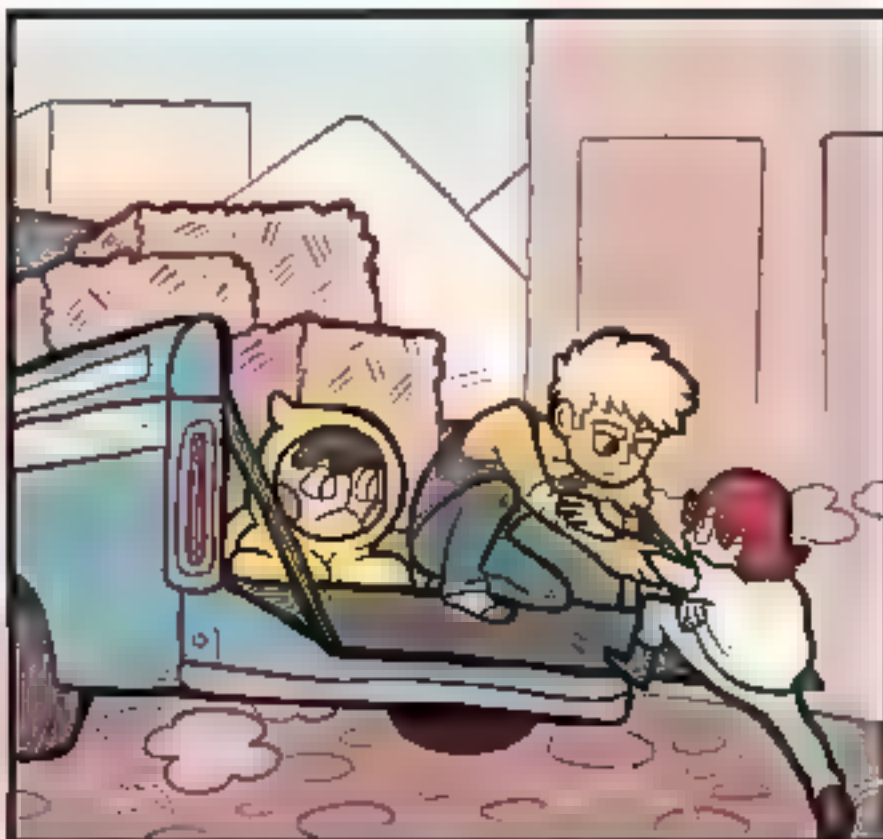




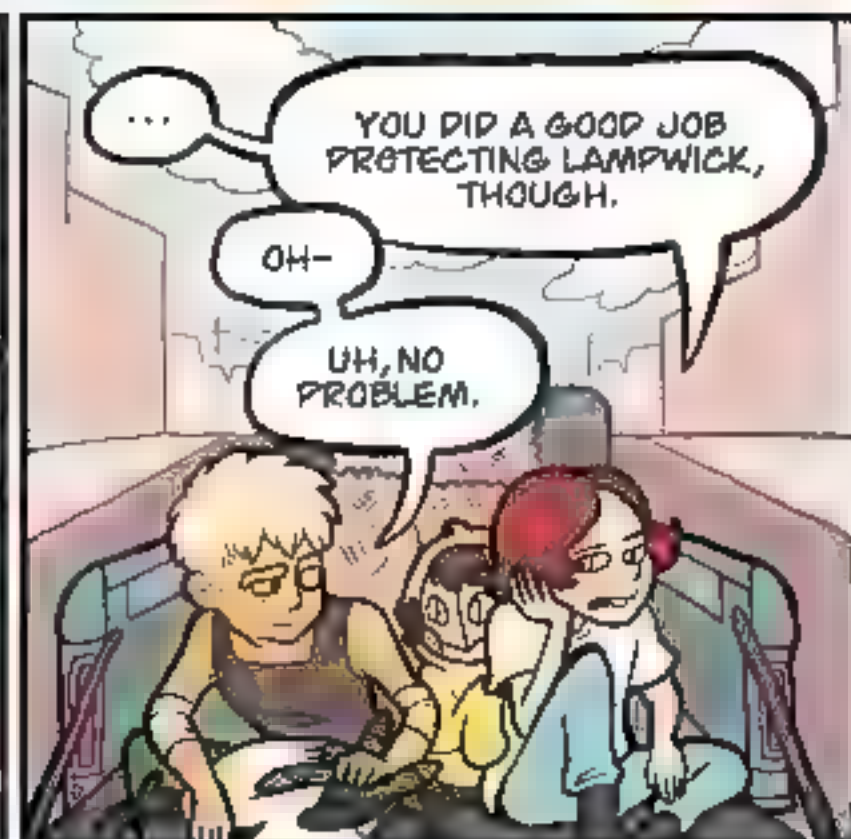
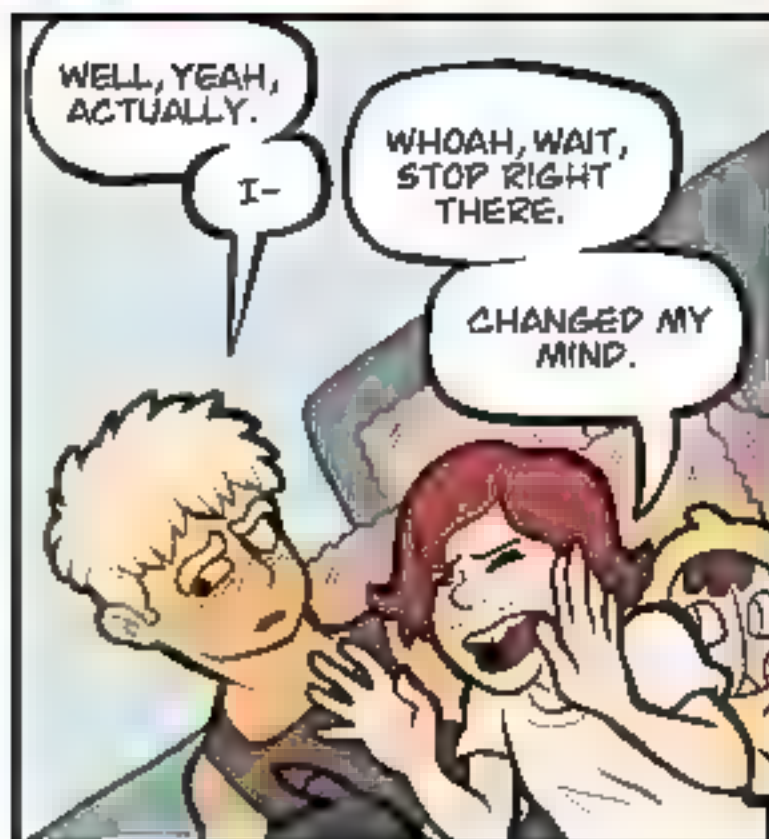
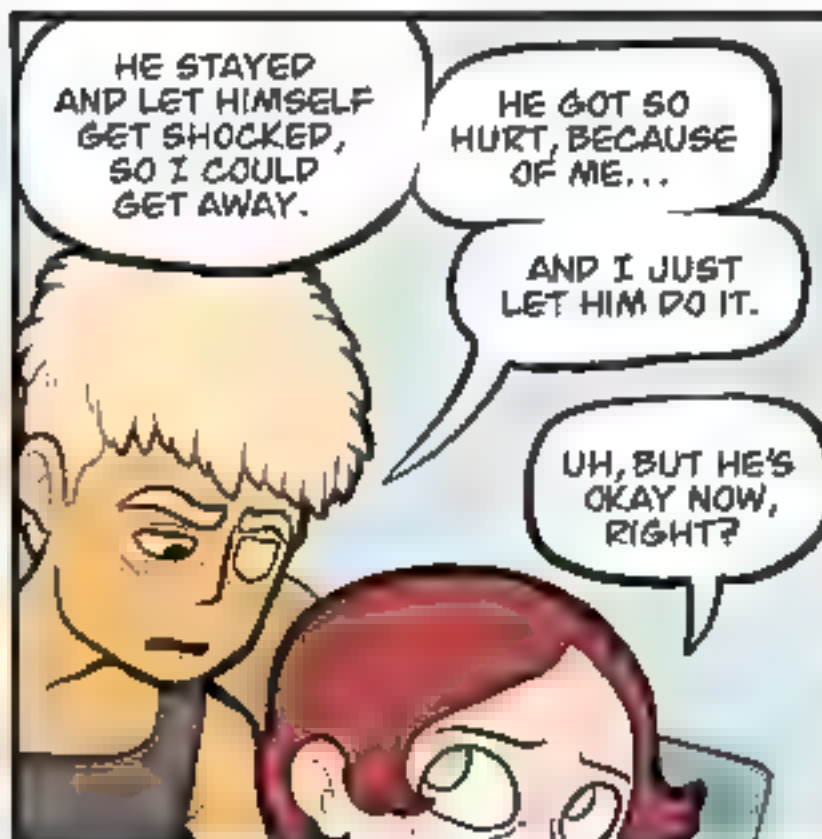




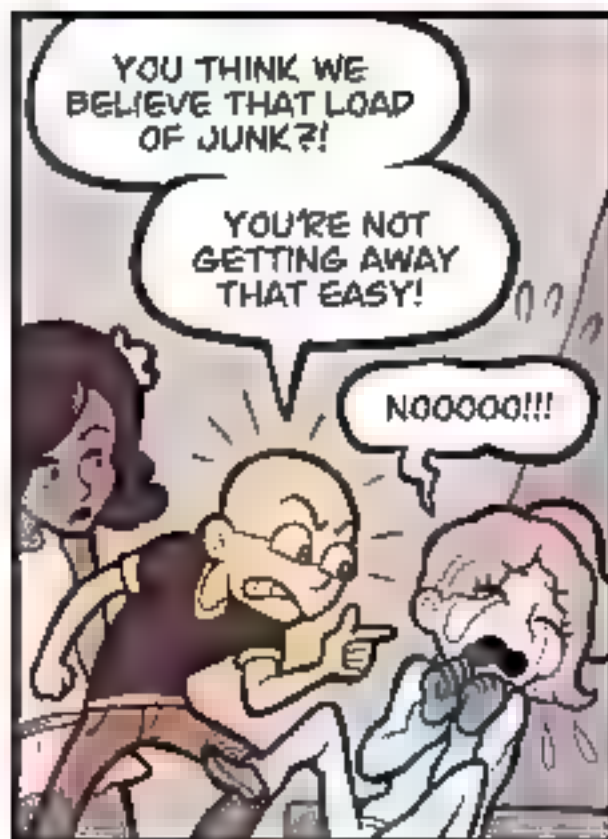
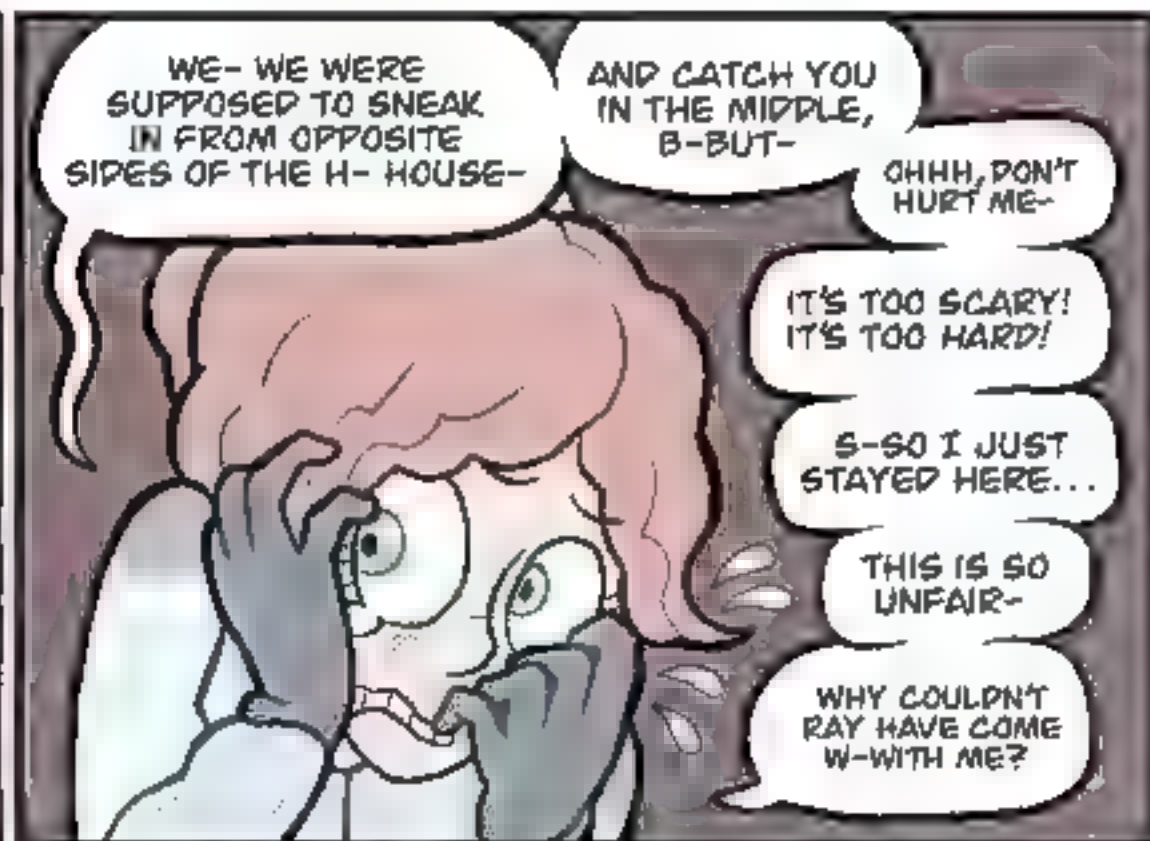
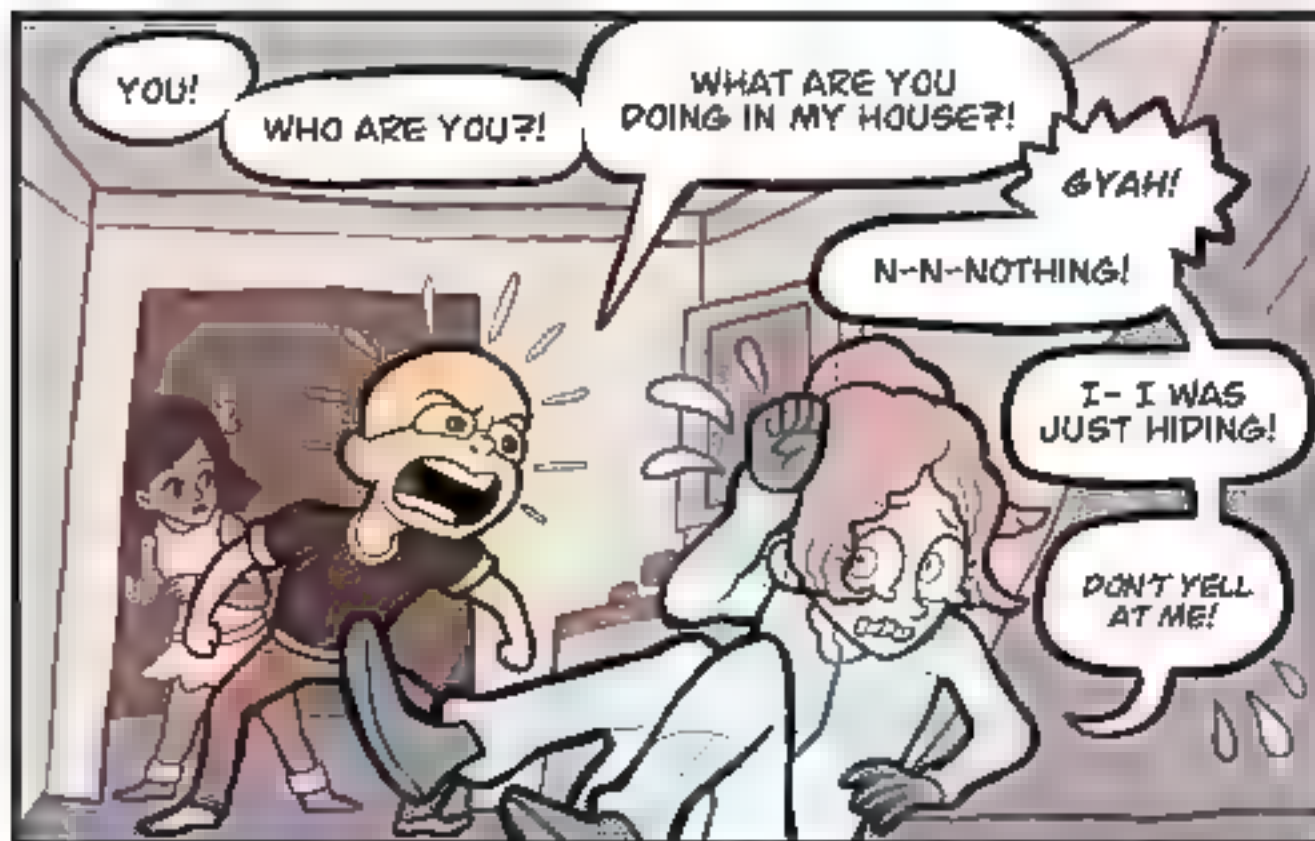




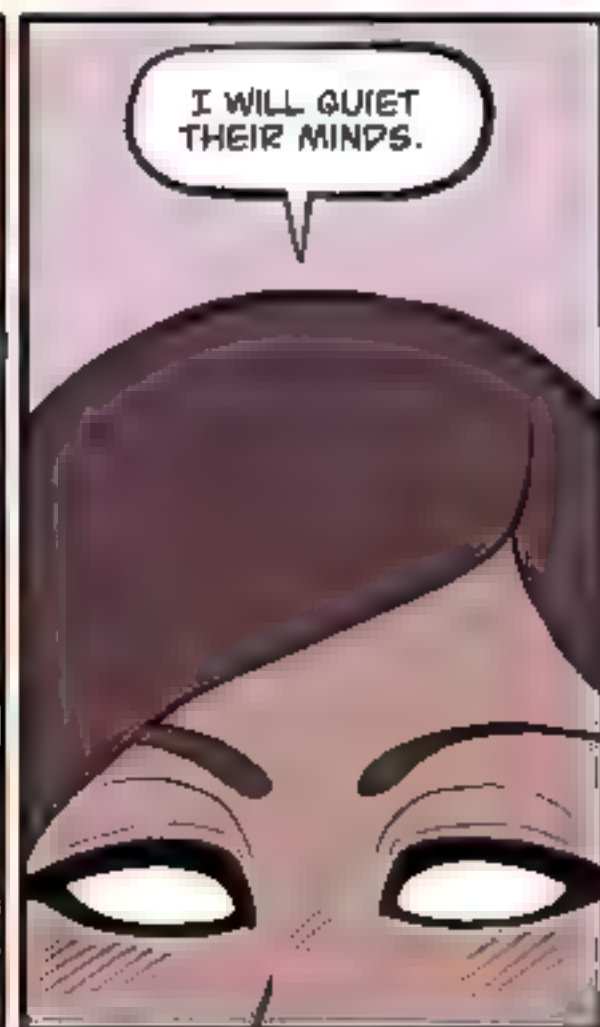
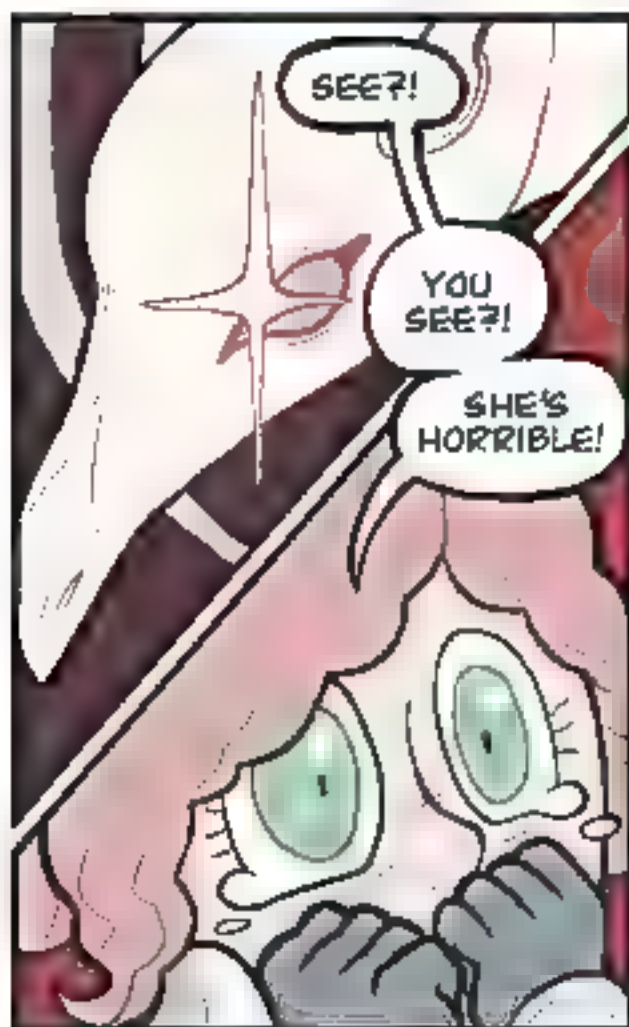
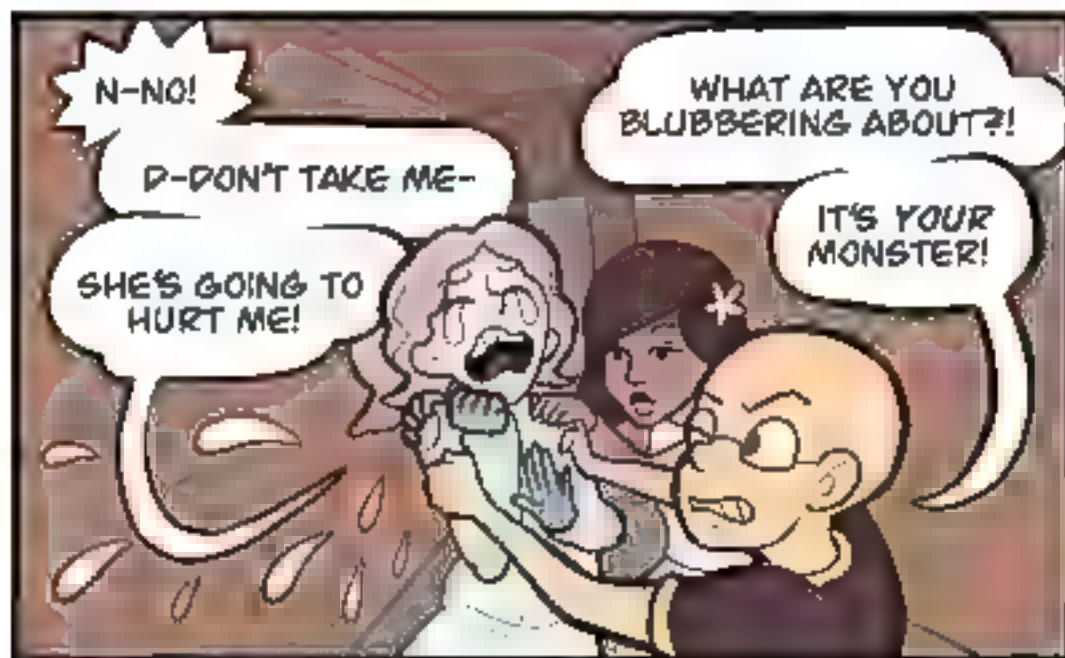






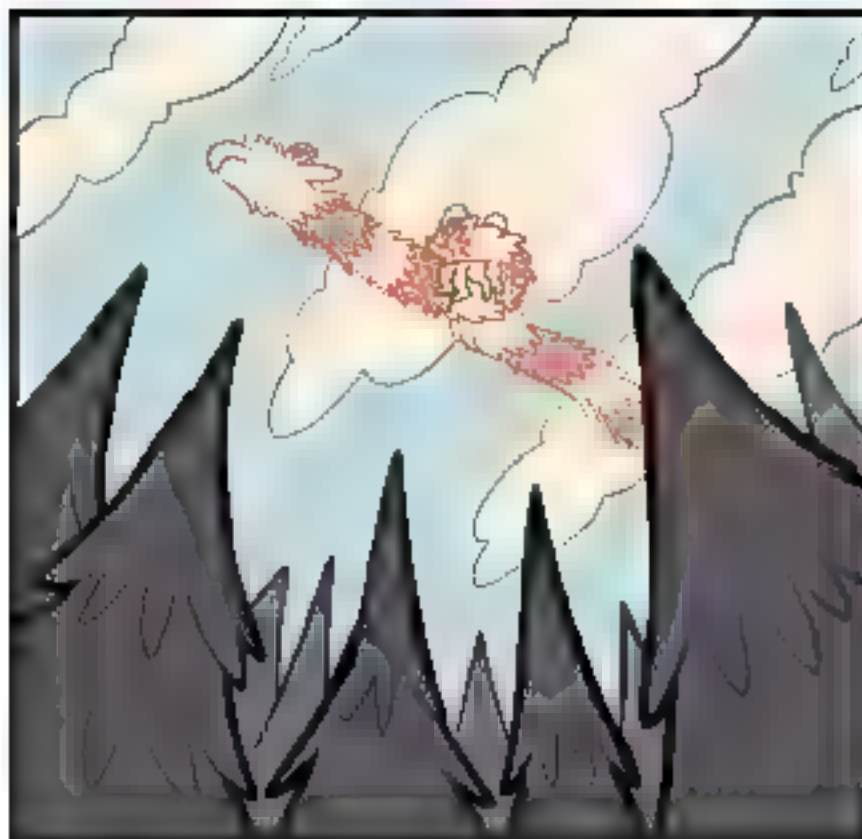
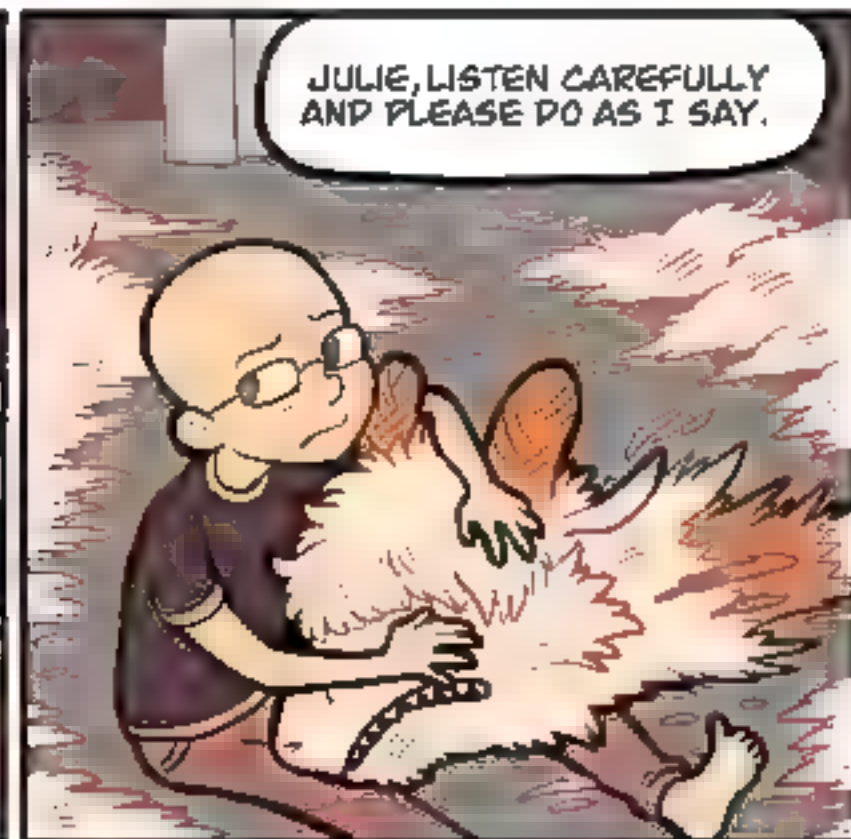
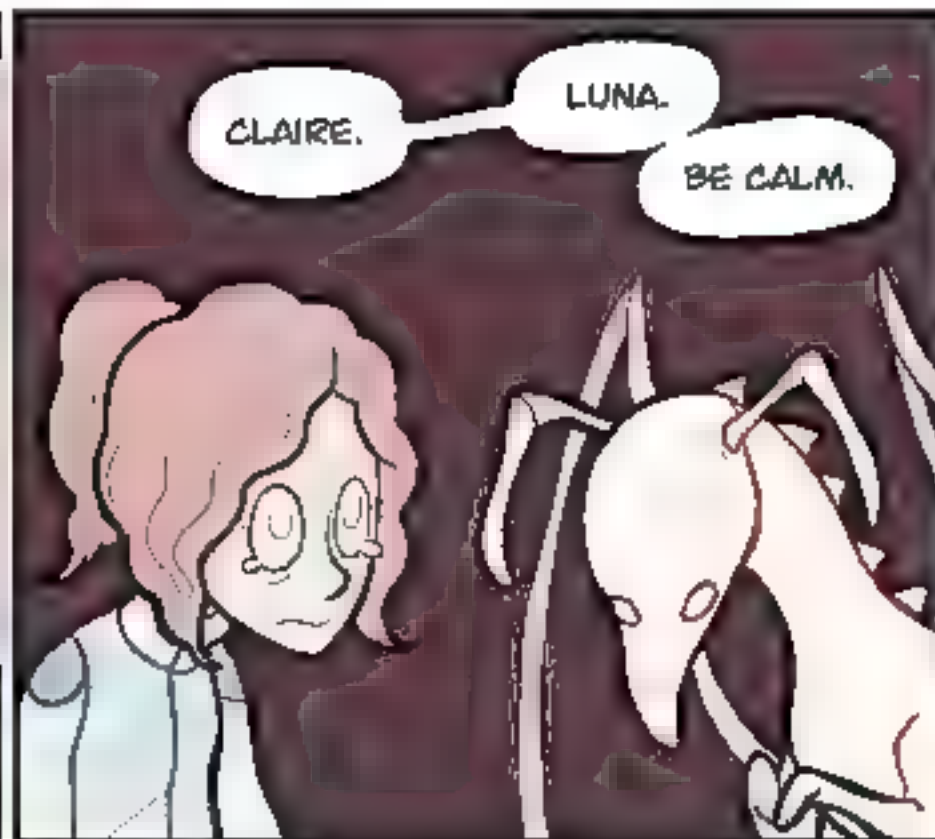


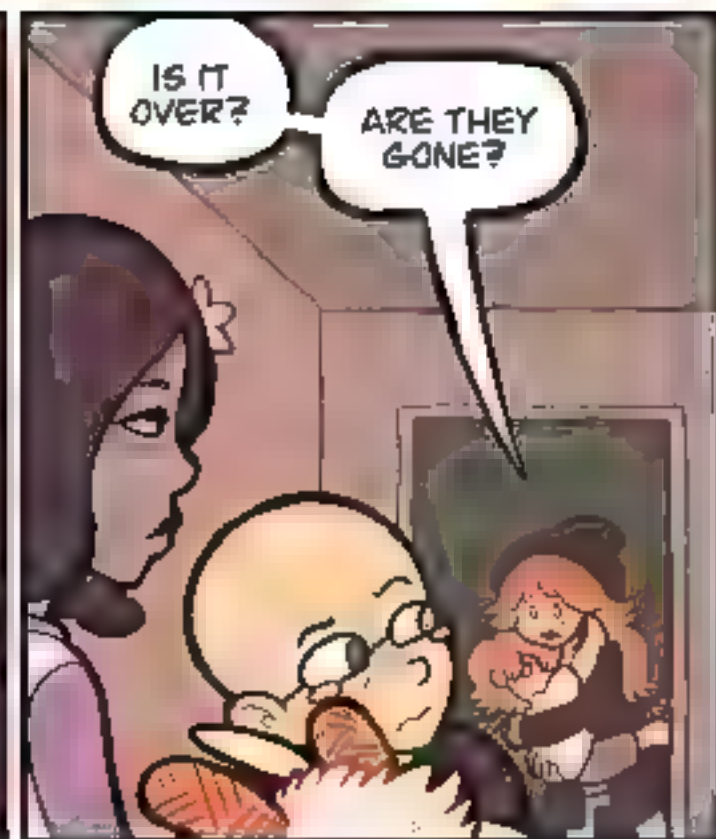
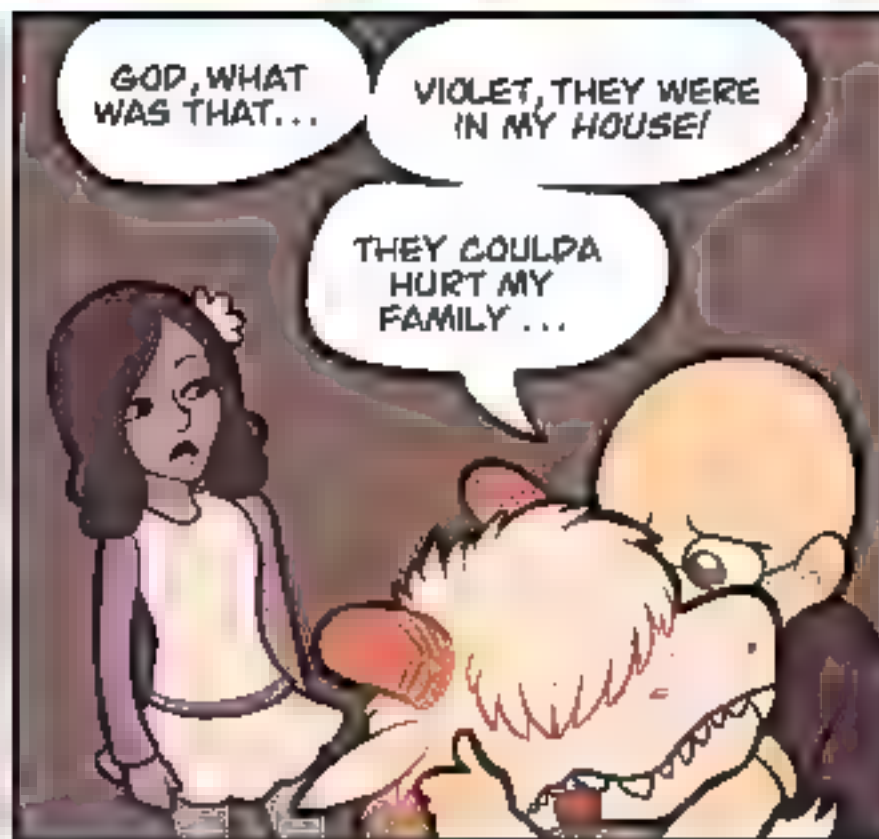
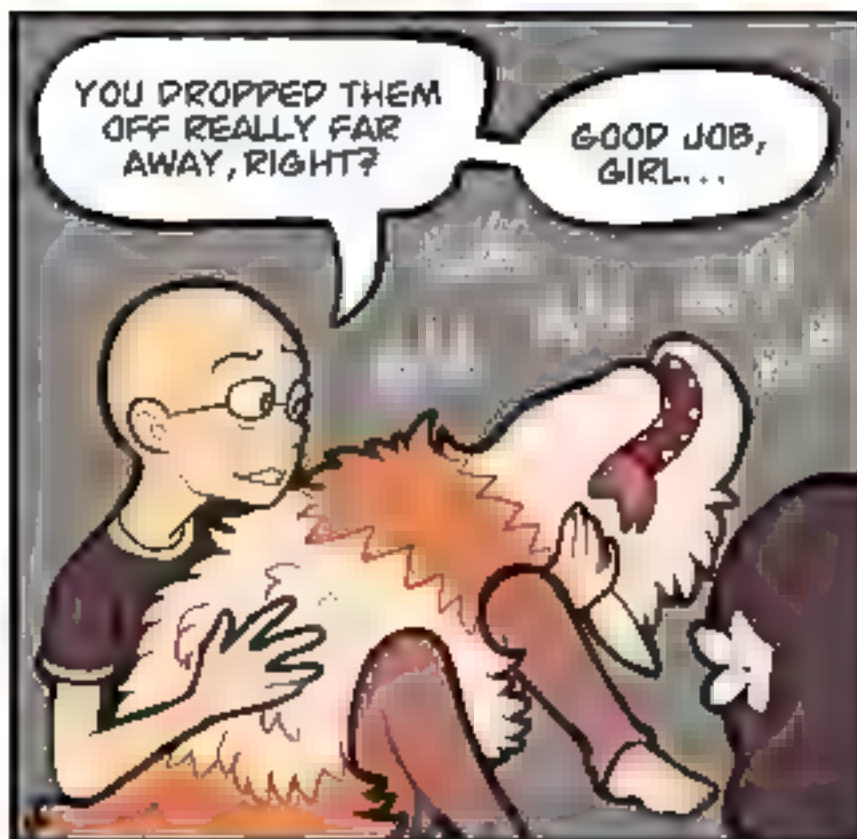
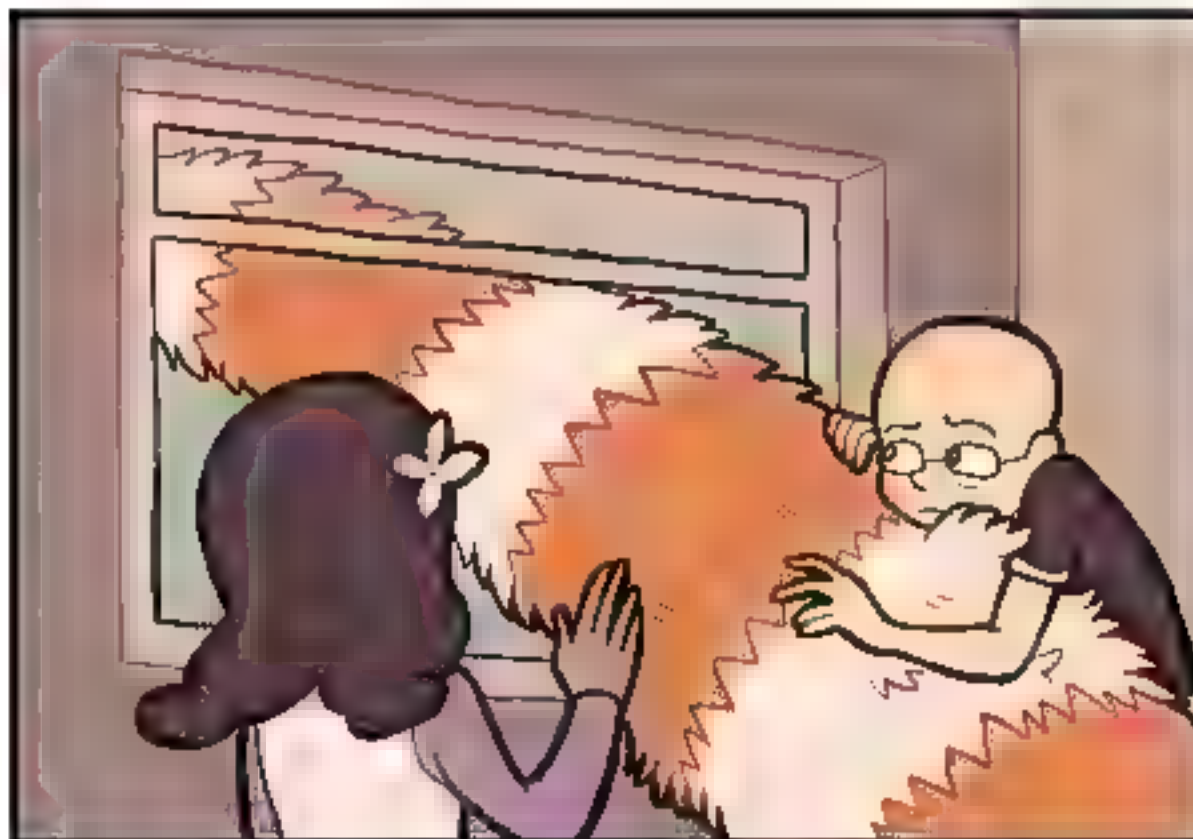




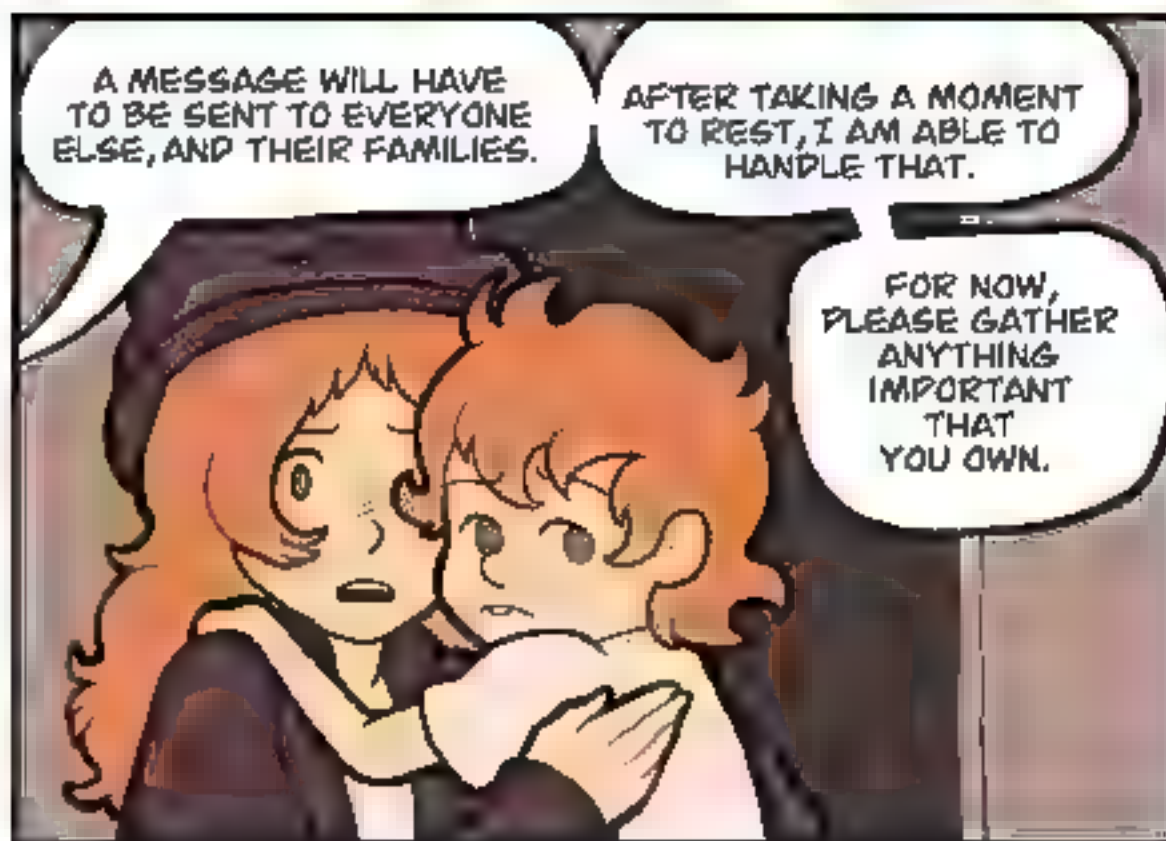
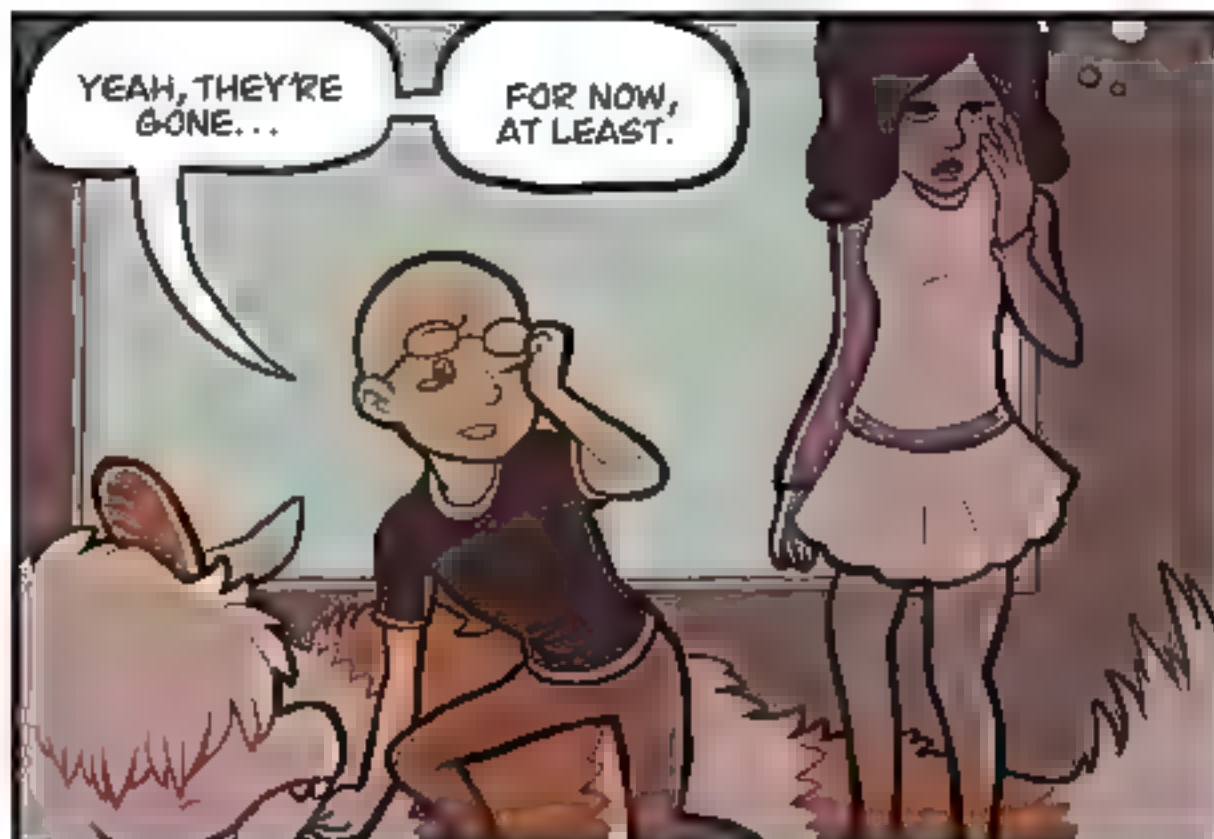


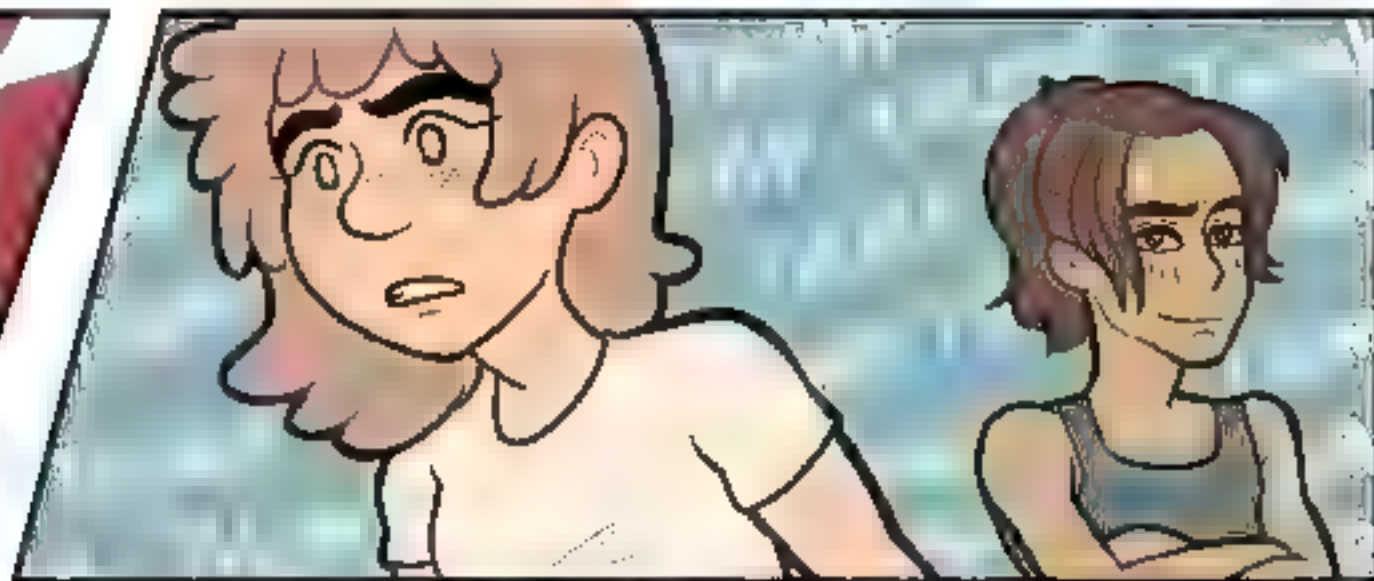












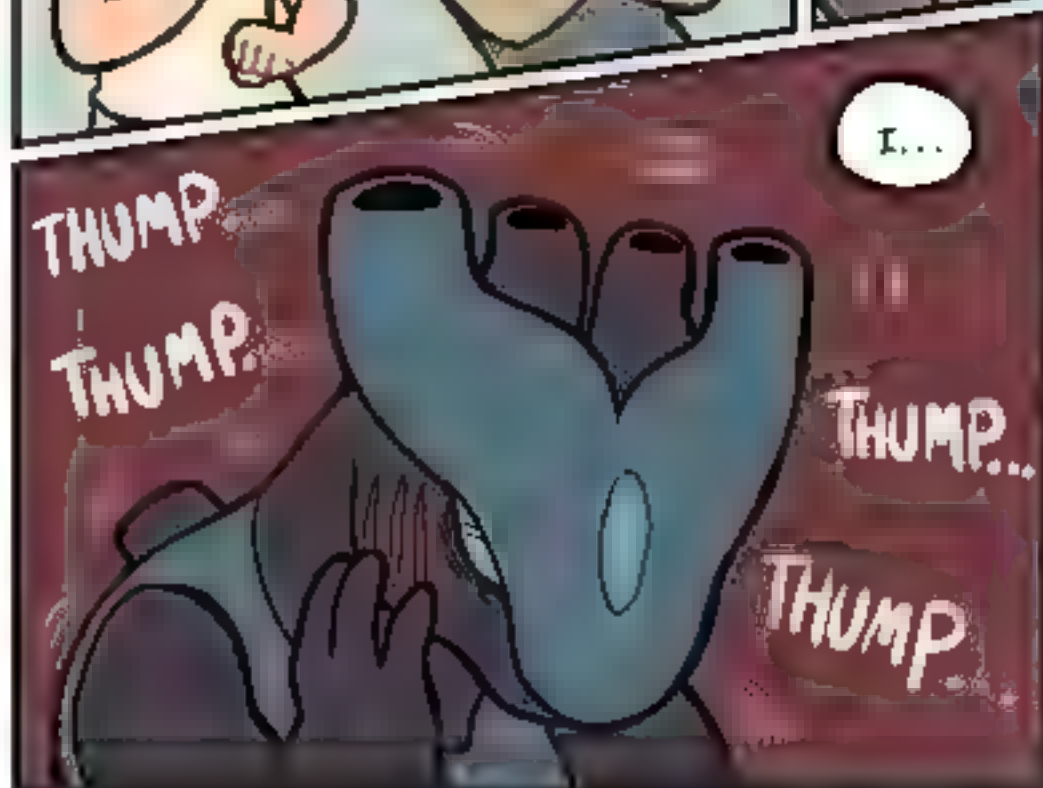
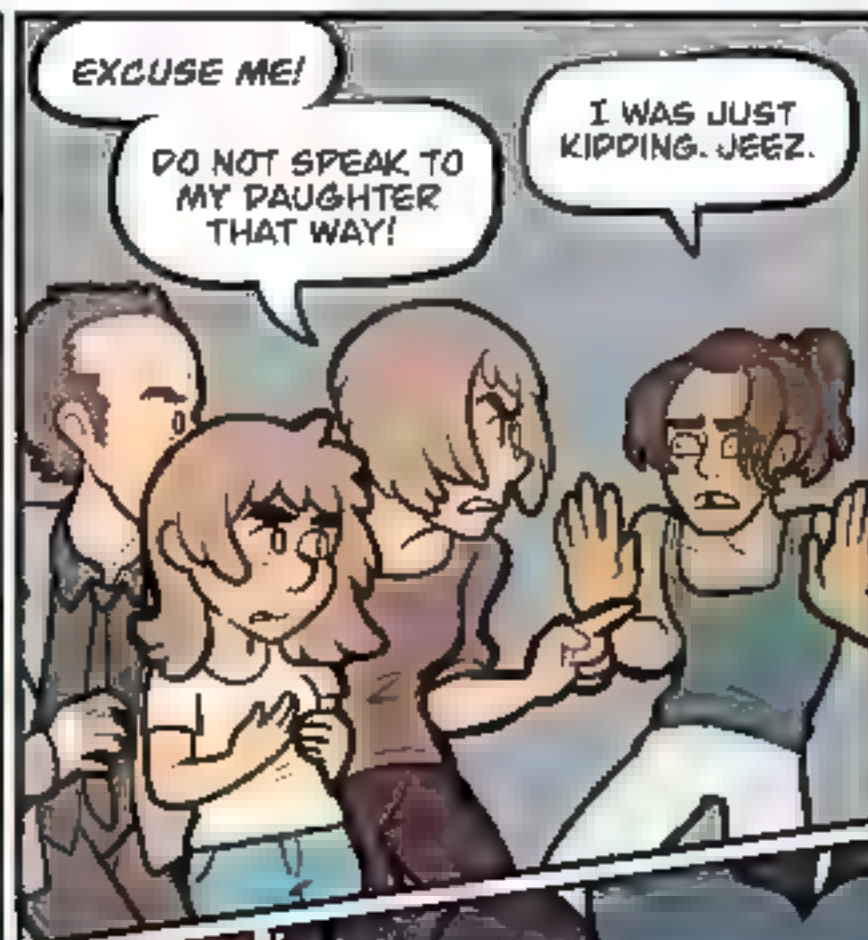
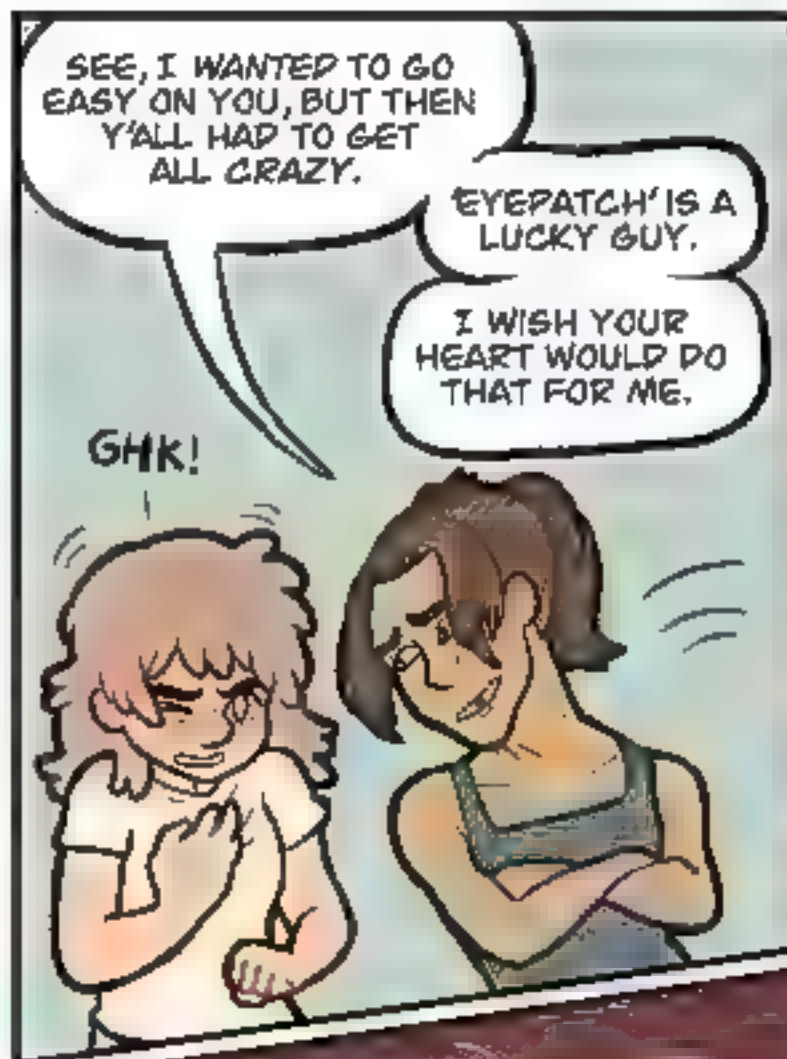
I DUNNO,  
WEIRD, OR  
SOMETHING.

DID I...

DID I DO  
SOMETHING  
BAD TO YOU,  
OR...?



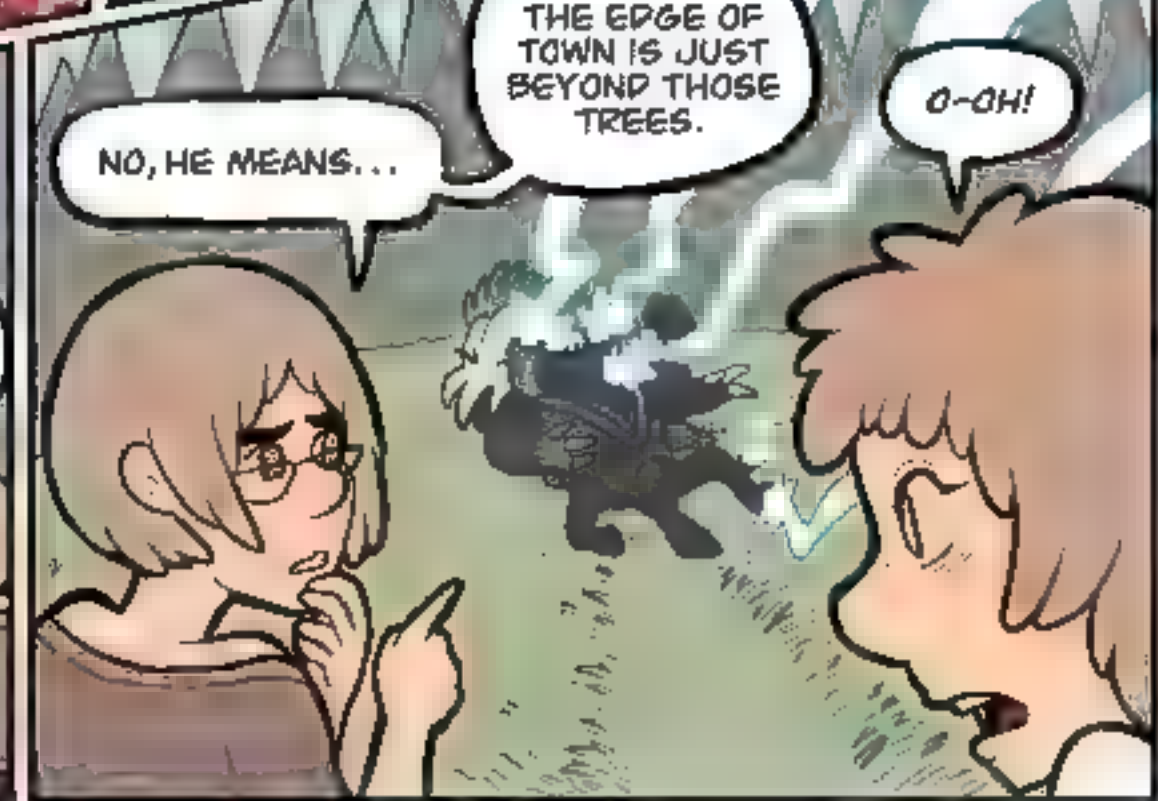
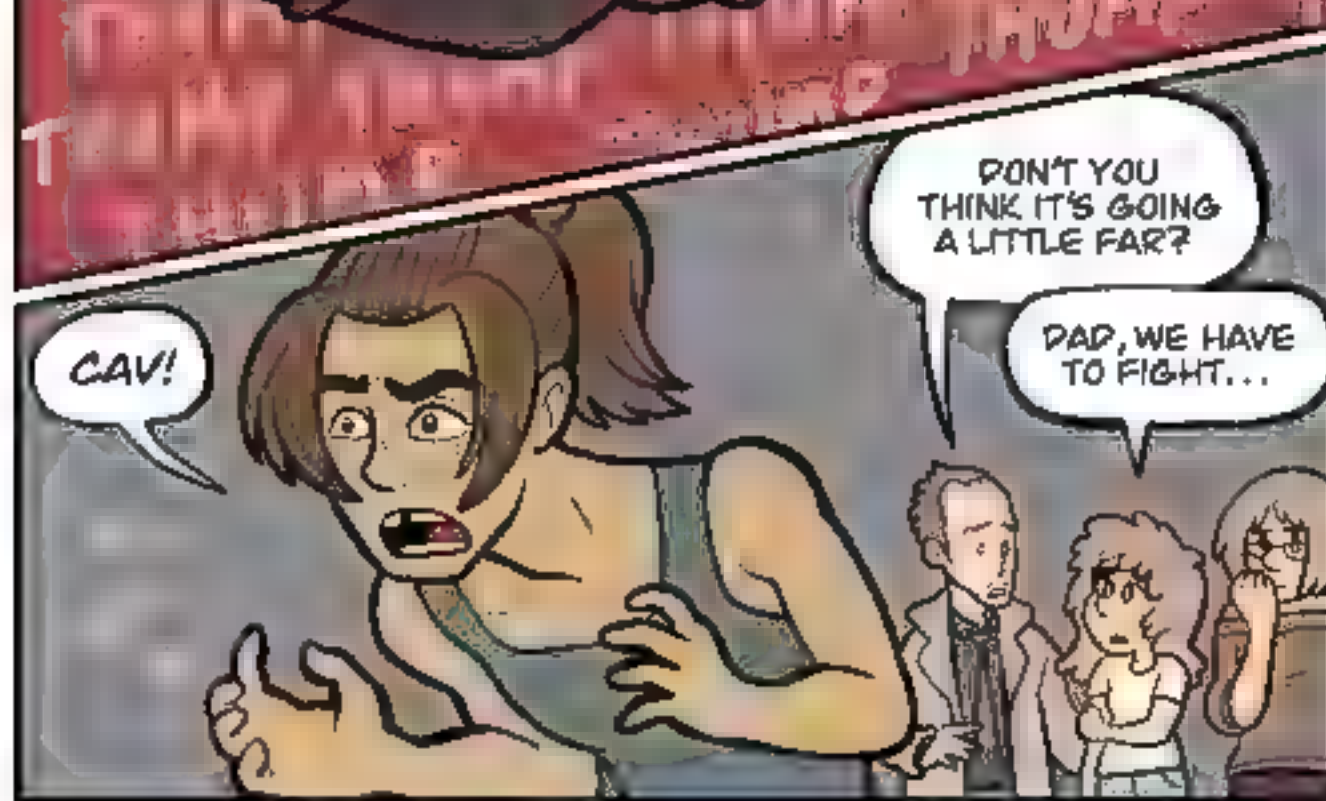






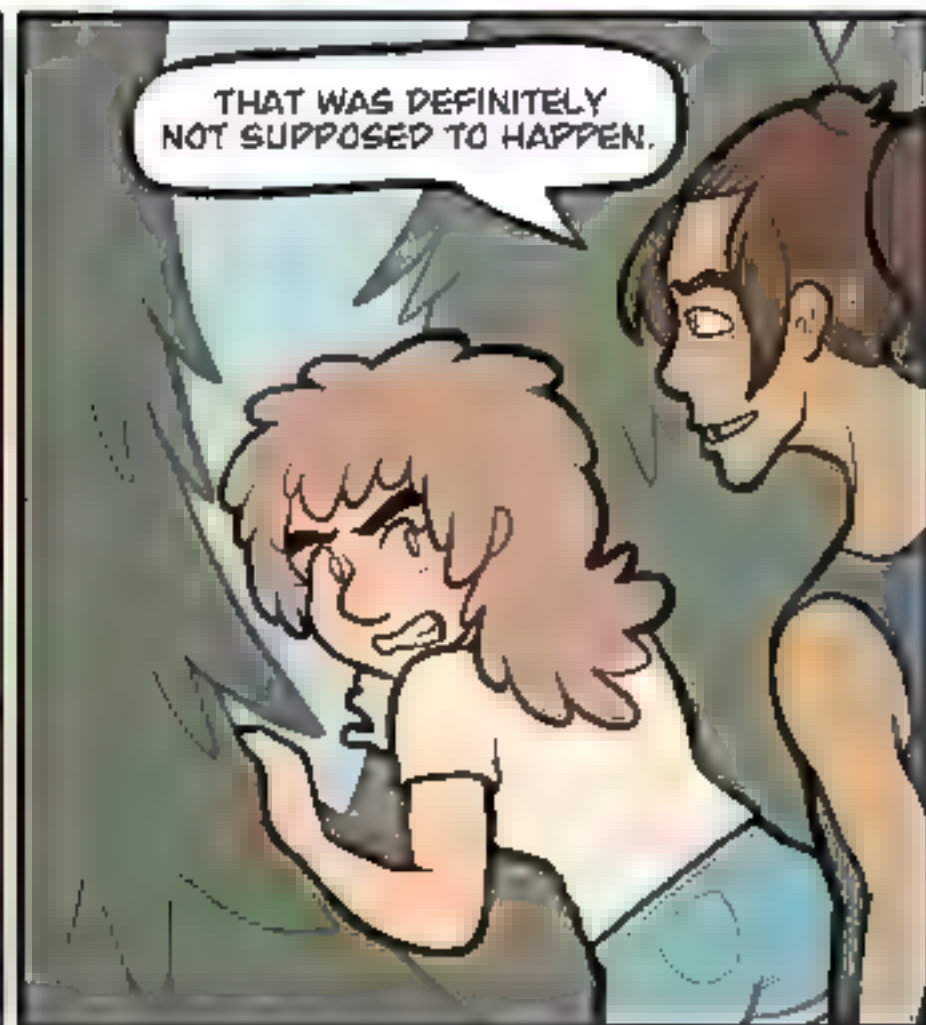
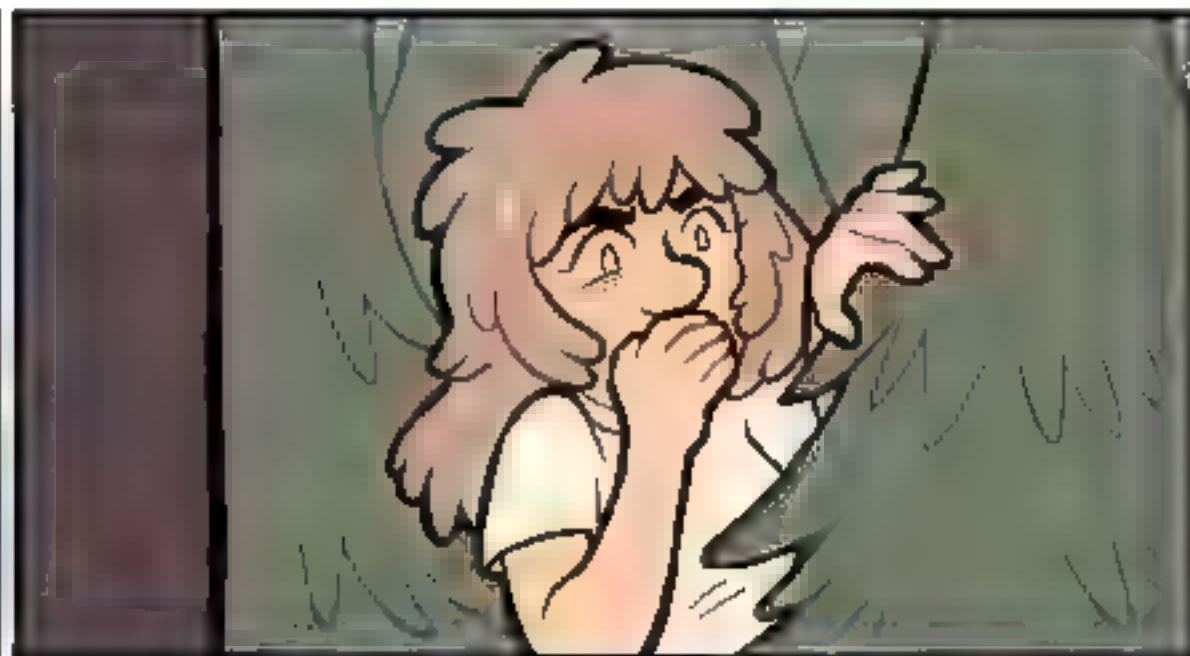
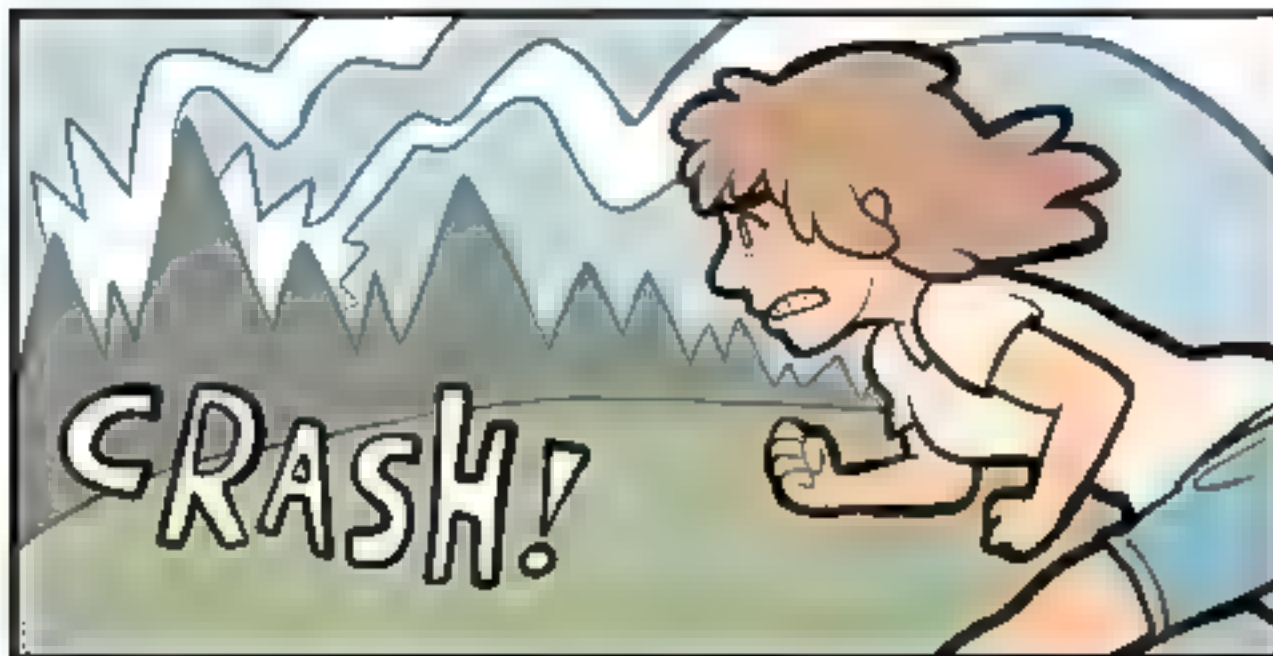
SLAMMM

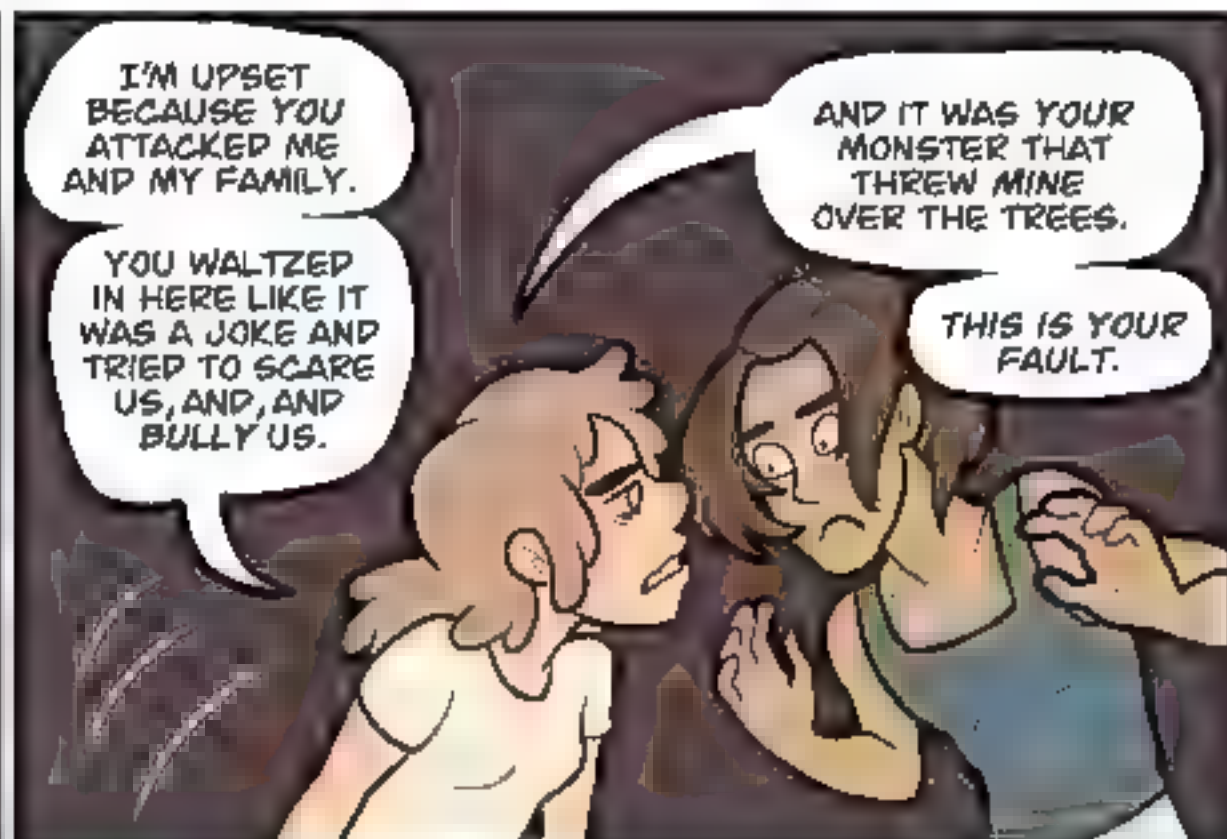
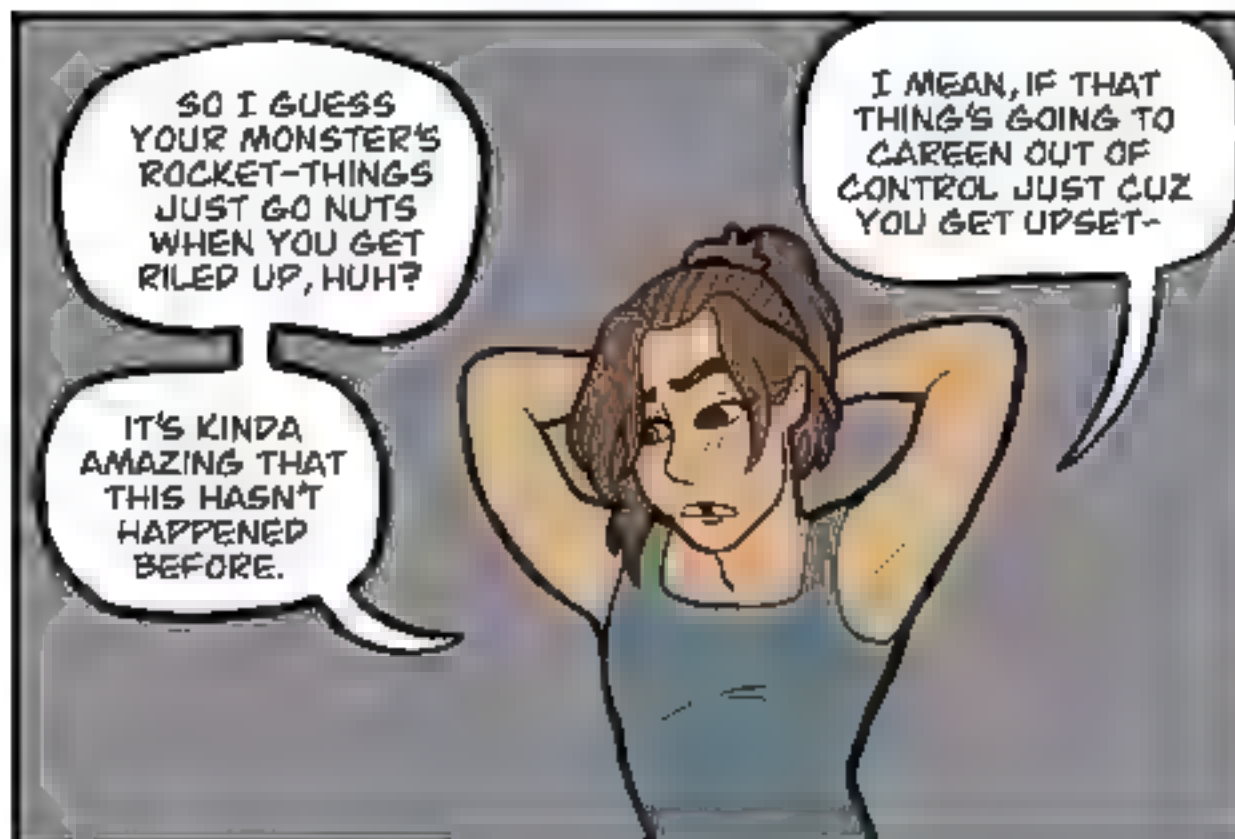
THUMP THUMP THUMP







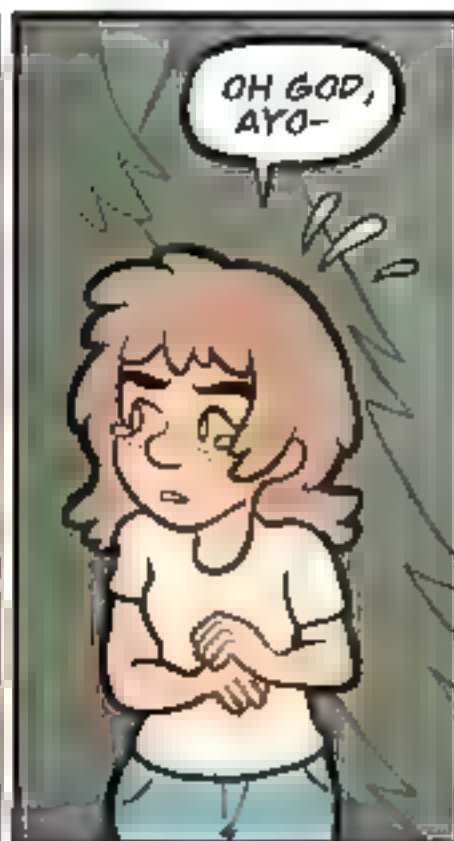




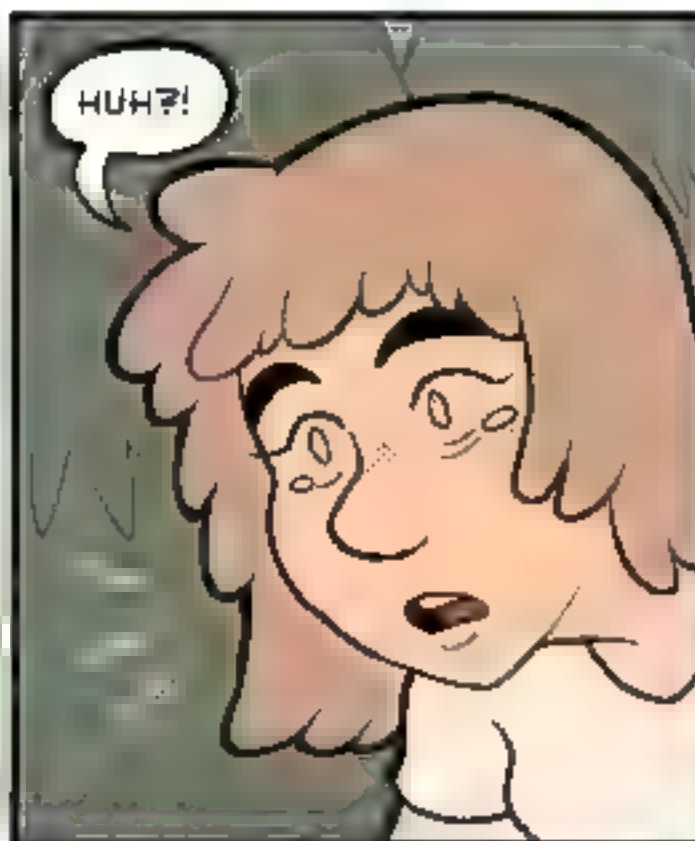




RRRGH...



OH GOD,  
AYO-

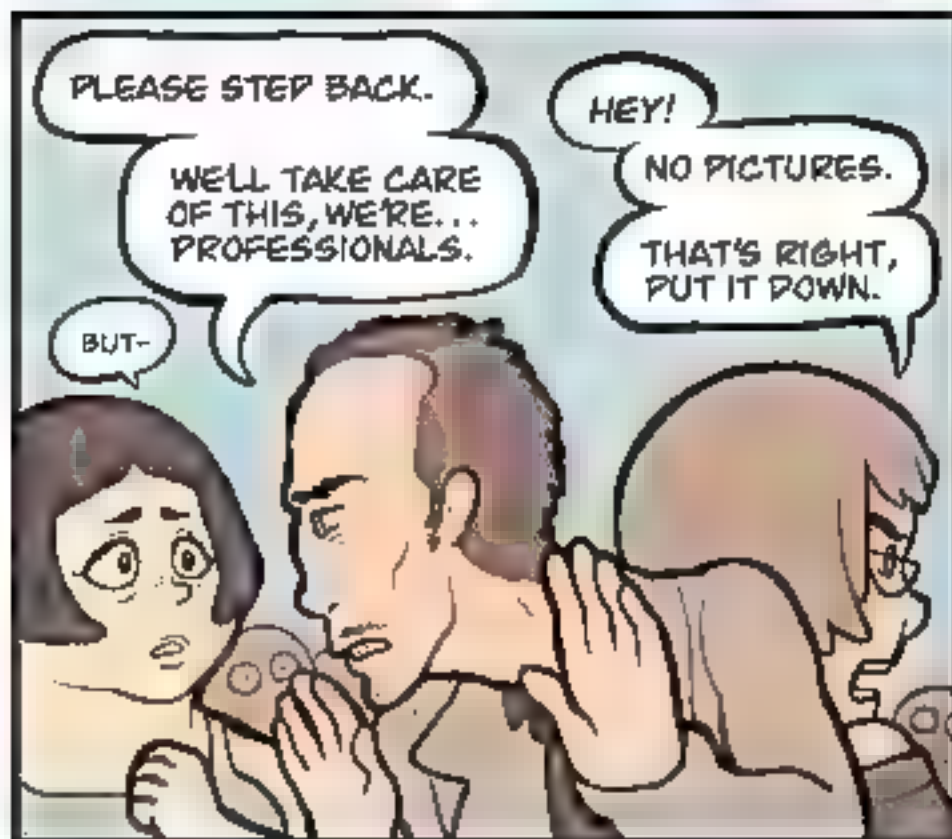


HUH?!



PLEASE, DO NOT  
COME ANY CLOSER.

IT'S FOR YOUR  
OWN SAFETY.



PLEASE STEP BACK.

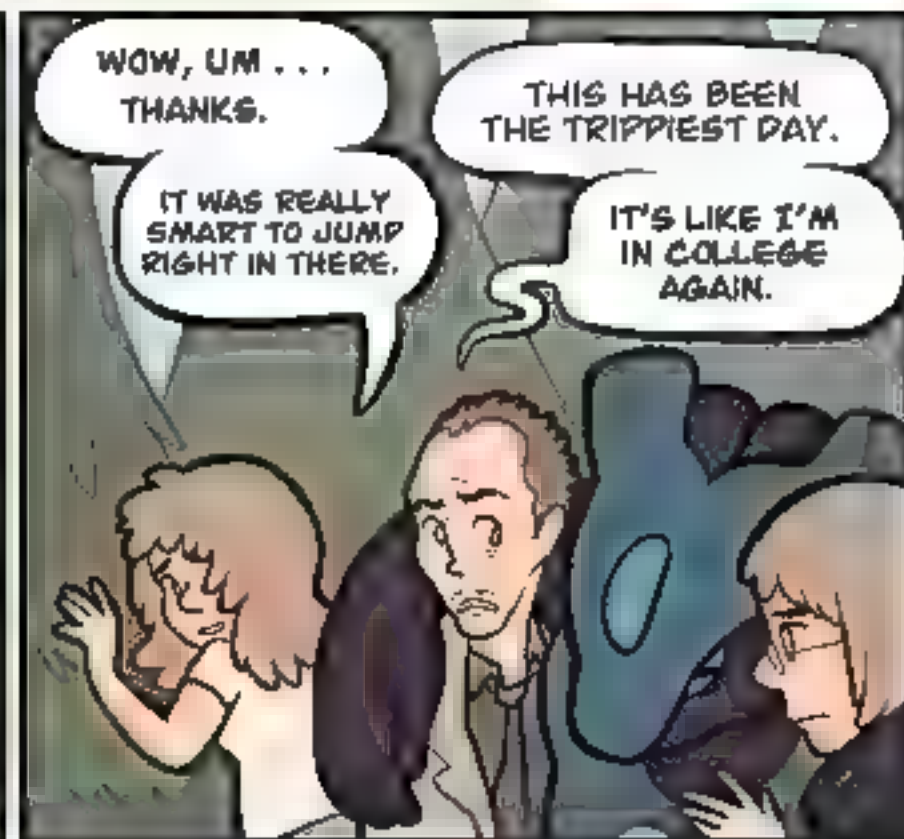
WE'LL TAKE CARE  
OF THIS, WE'RE...  
PROFESSIONALS.

BUT-

HEY!

NO PICTURES.

THAT'S RIGHT,  
PUT IT DOWN.

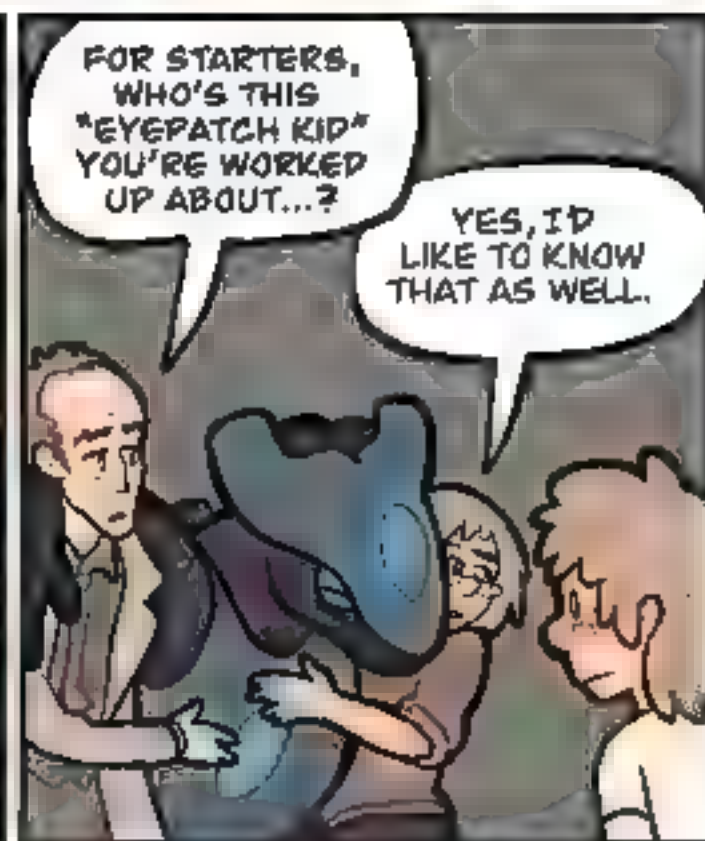
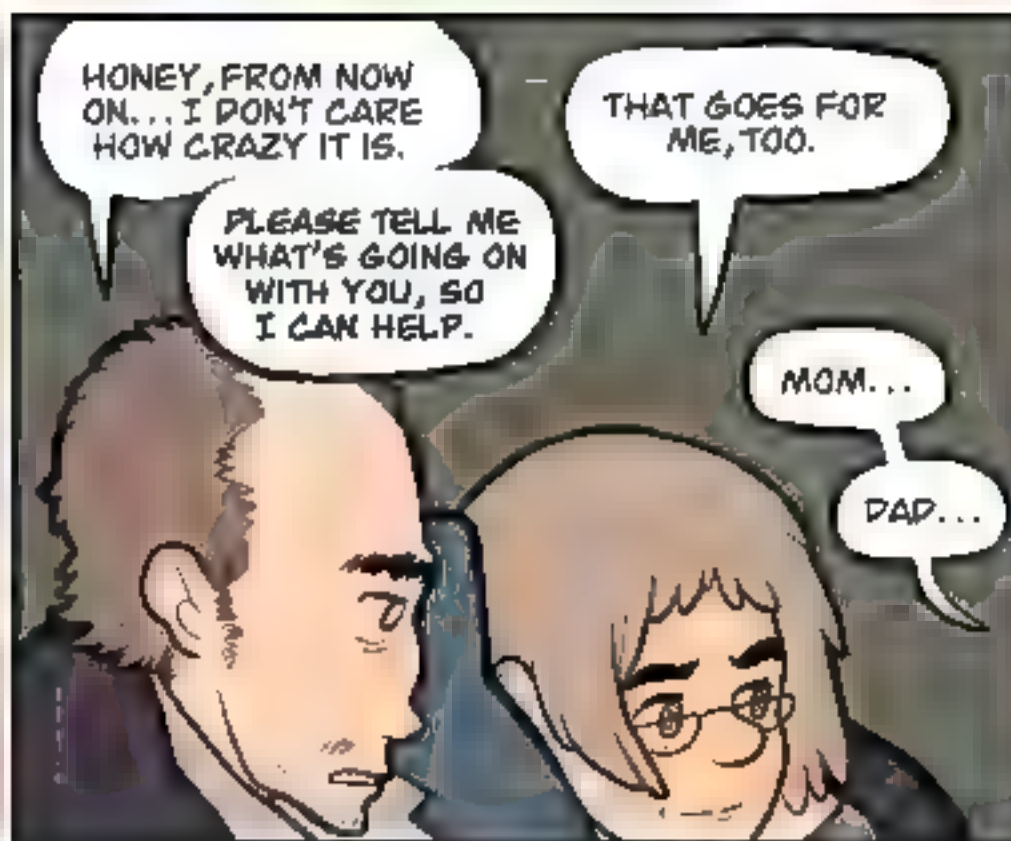
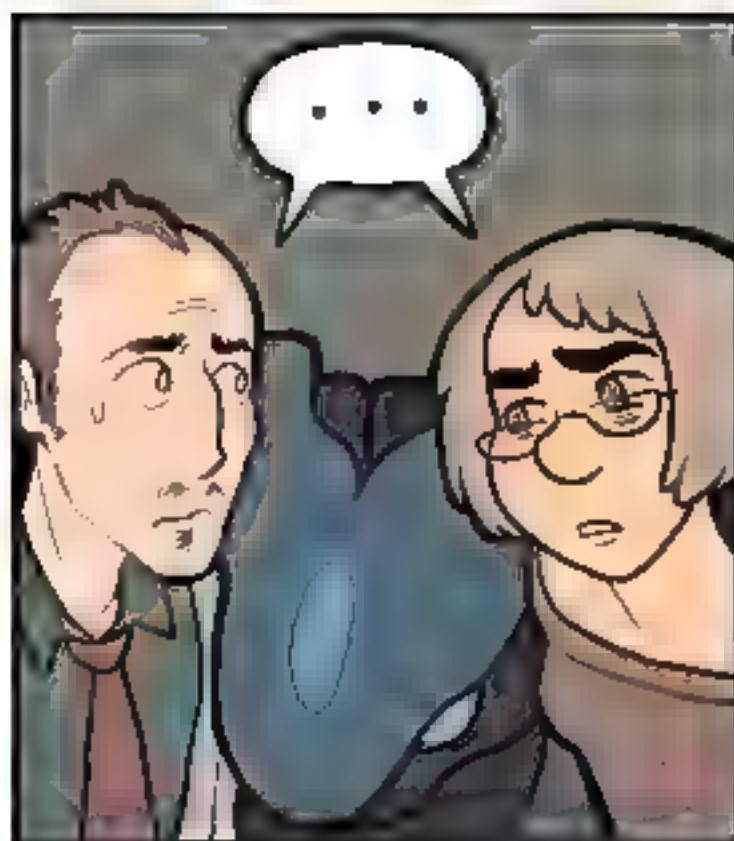
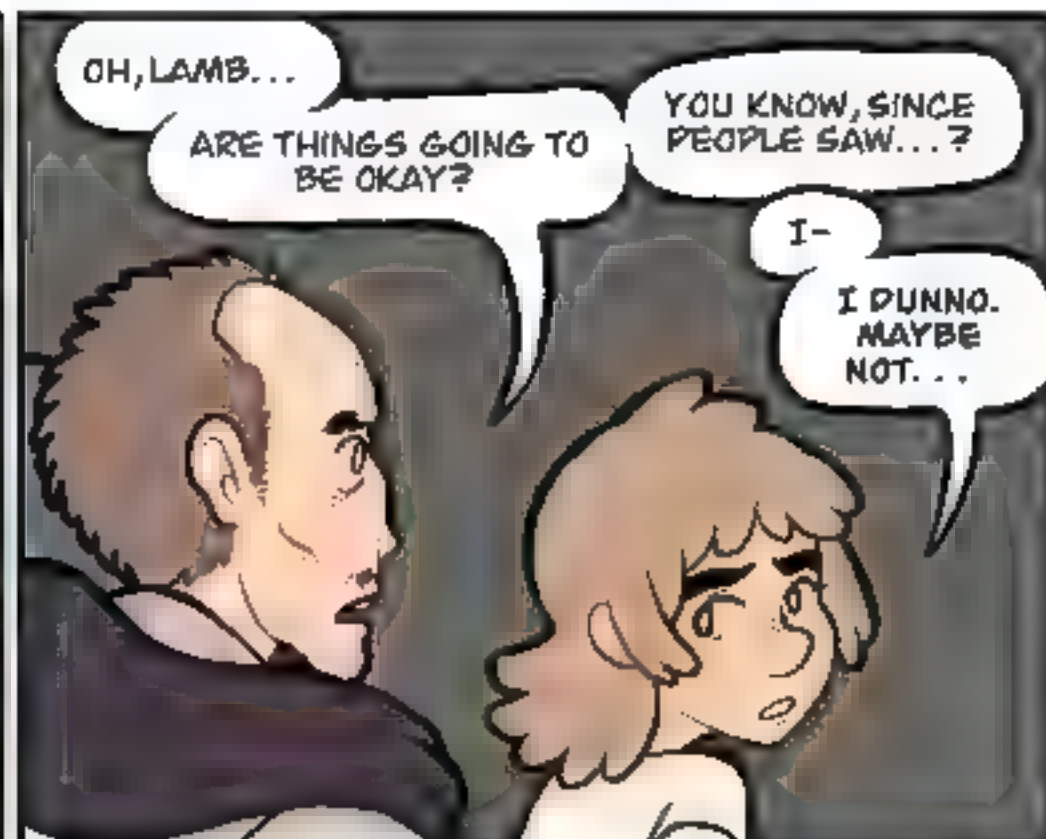
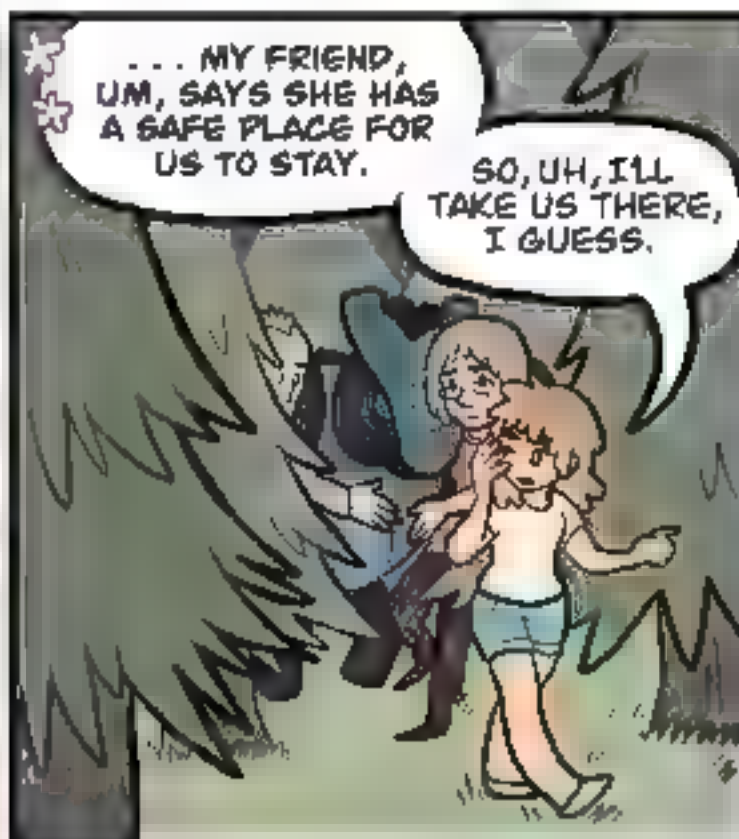
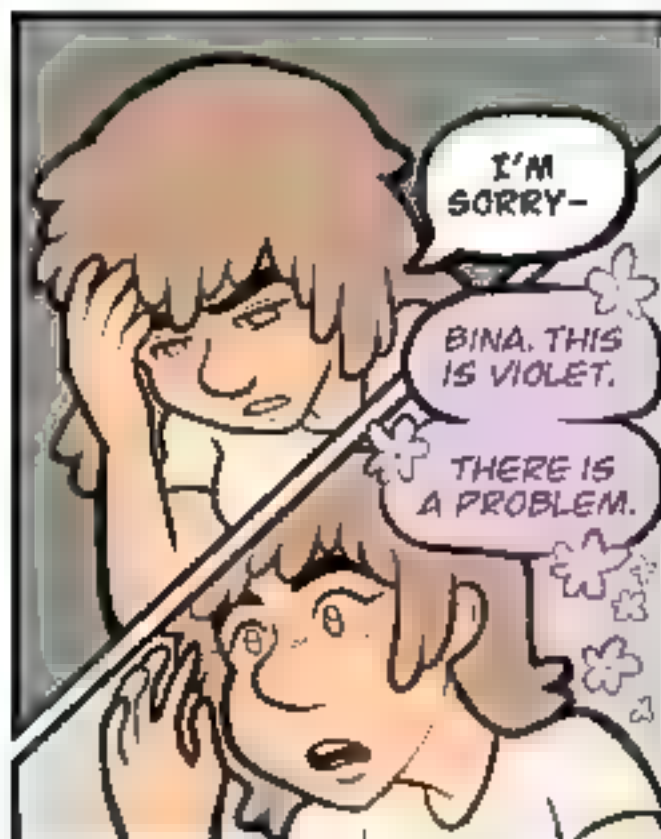


WOW, UM...  
THANKS.

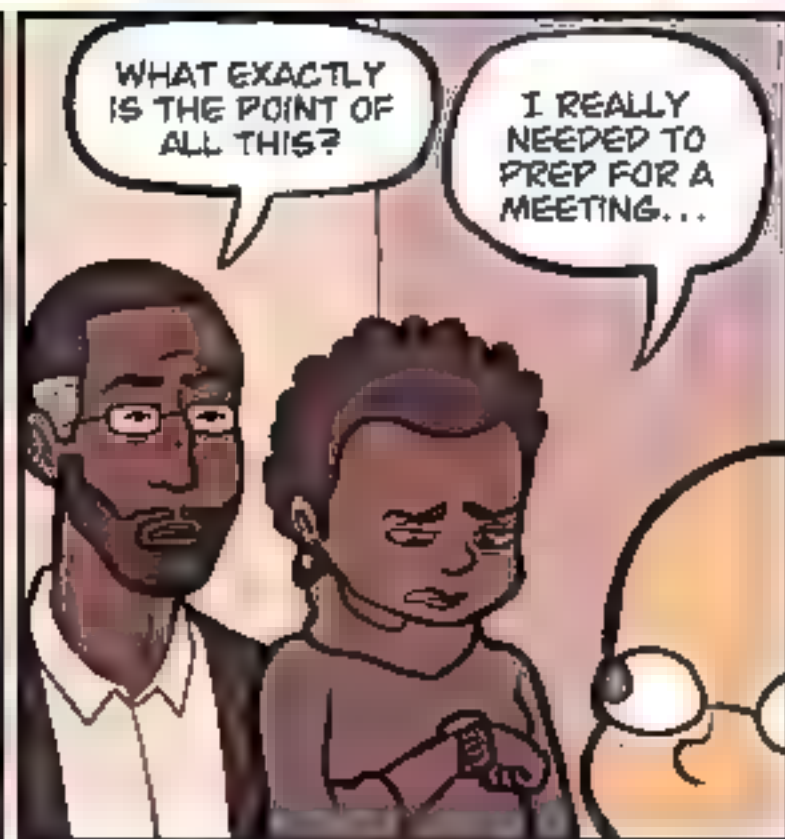
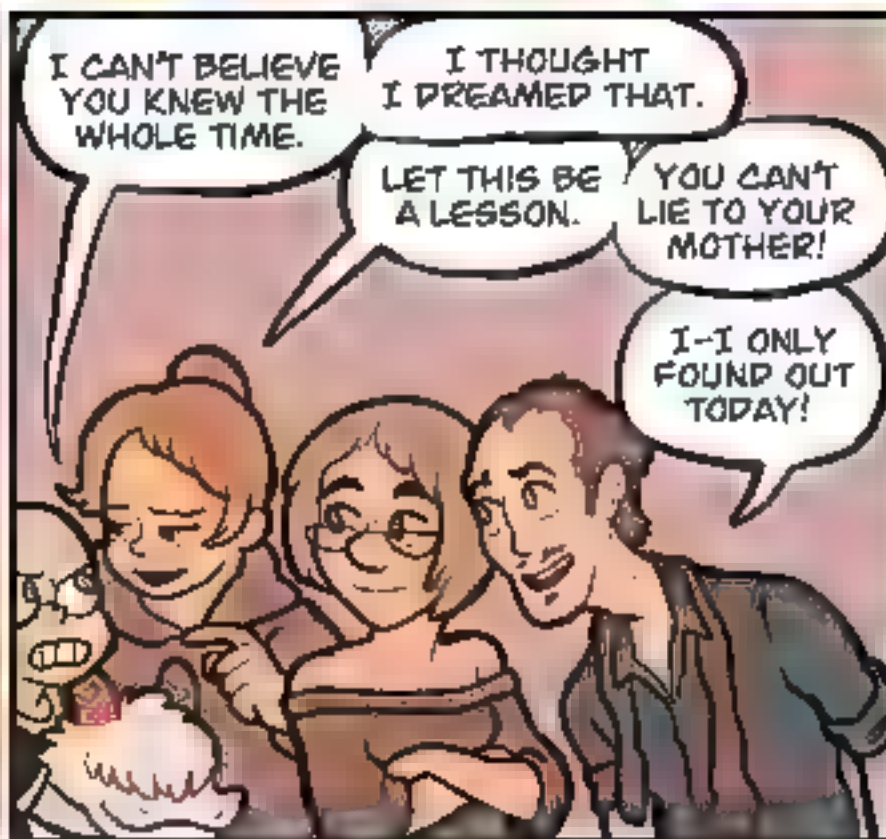
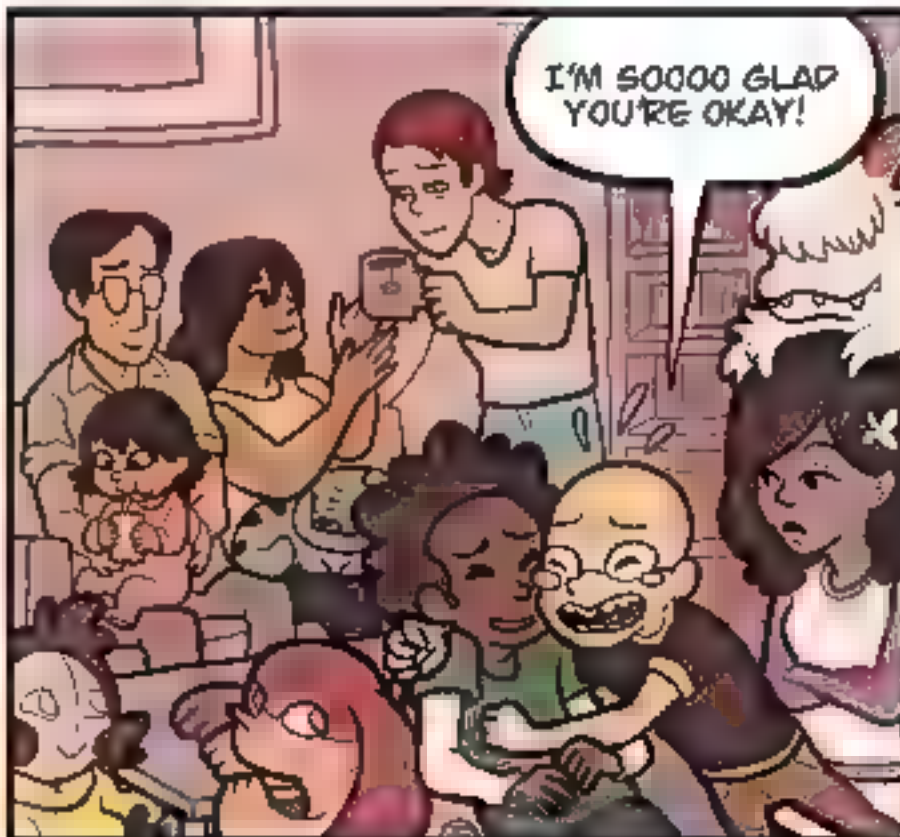
IT WAS REALLY  
SMART TO JUMP  
RIGHT IN THERE.

THIS HAS BEEN  
THE TRIPPIEST DAY.

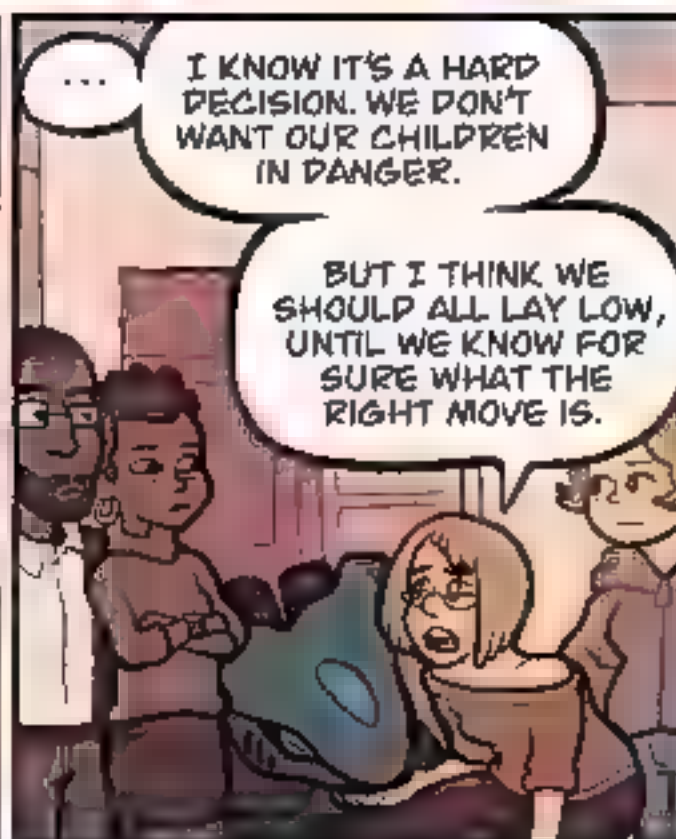
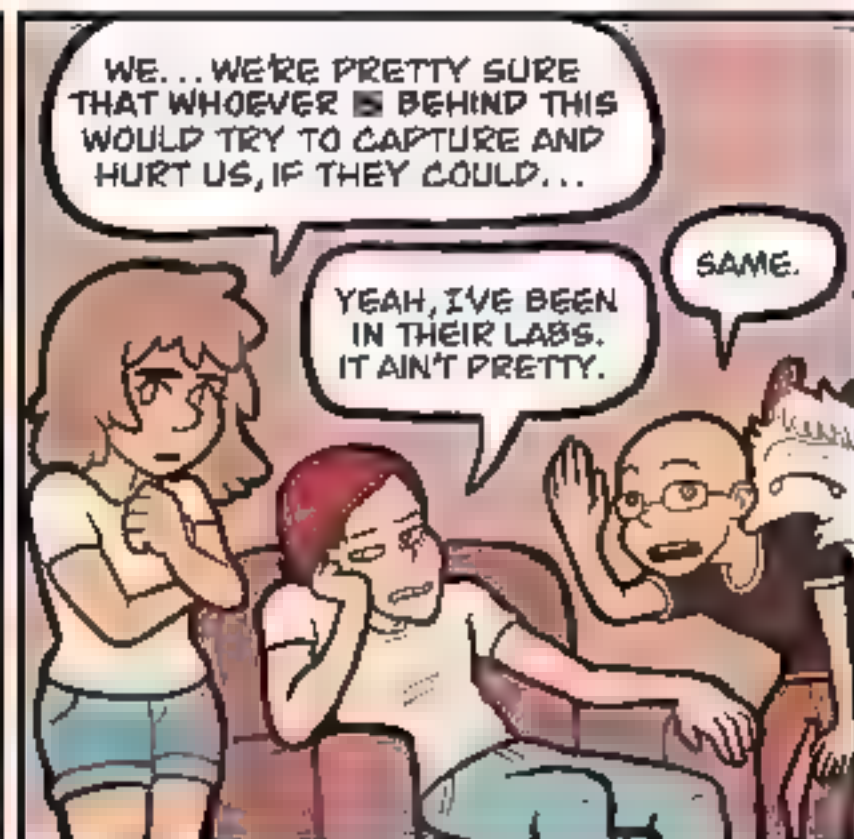
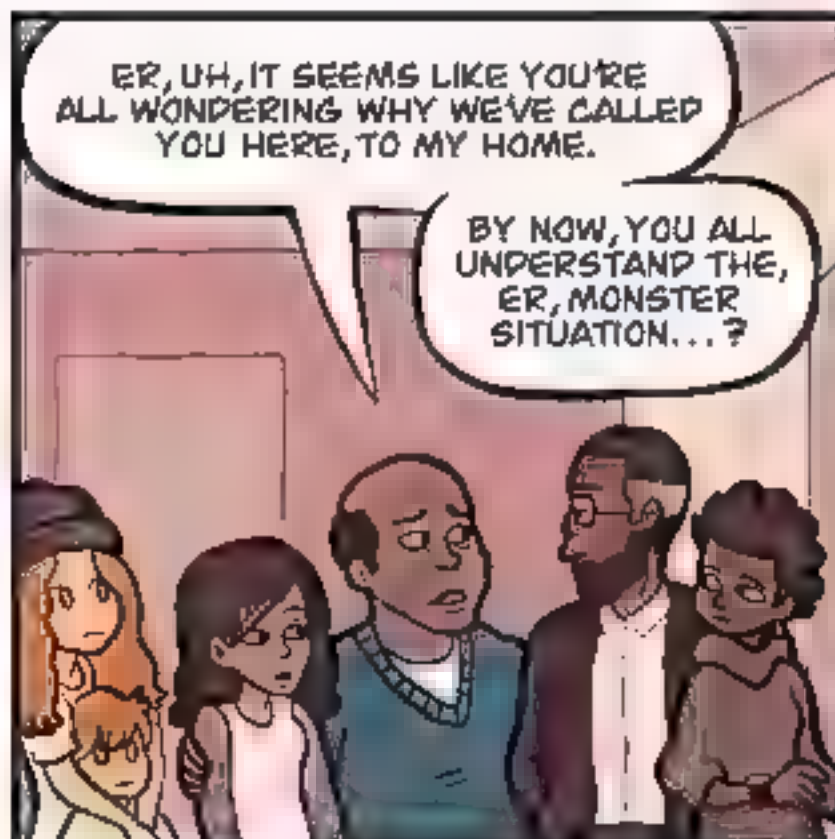
IT'S LIKE I'M  
IN COLLEGE  
AGAIN.



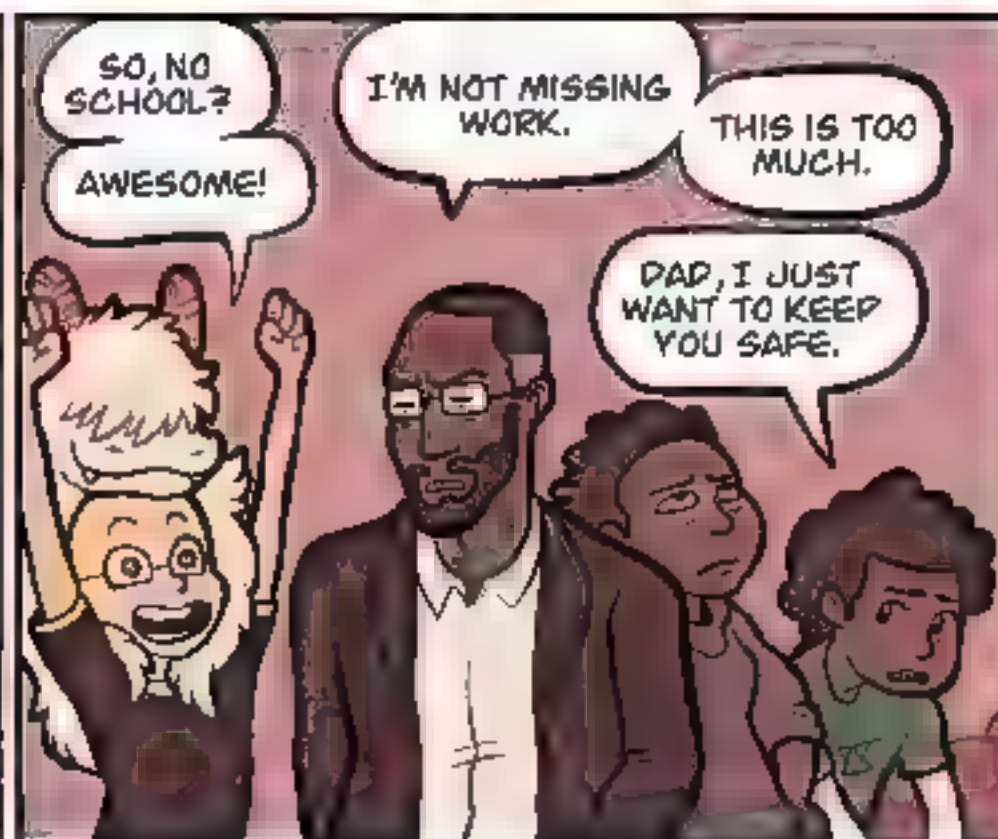
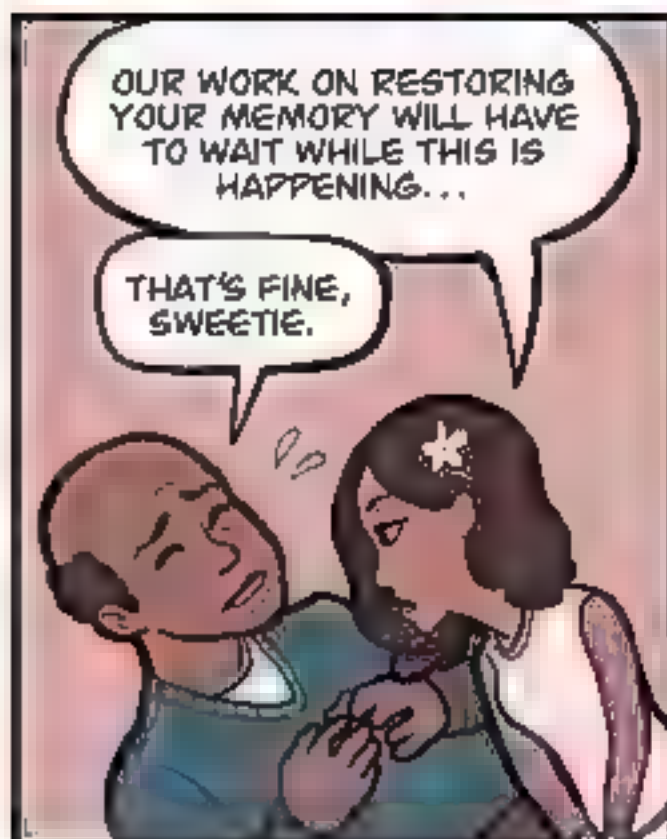
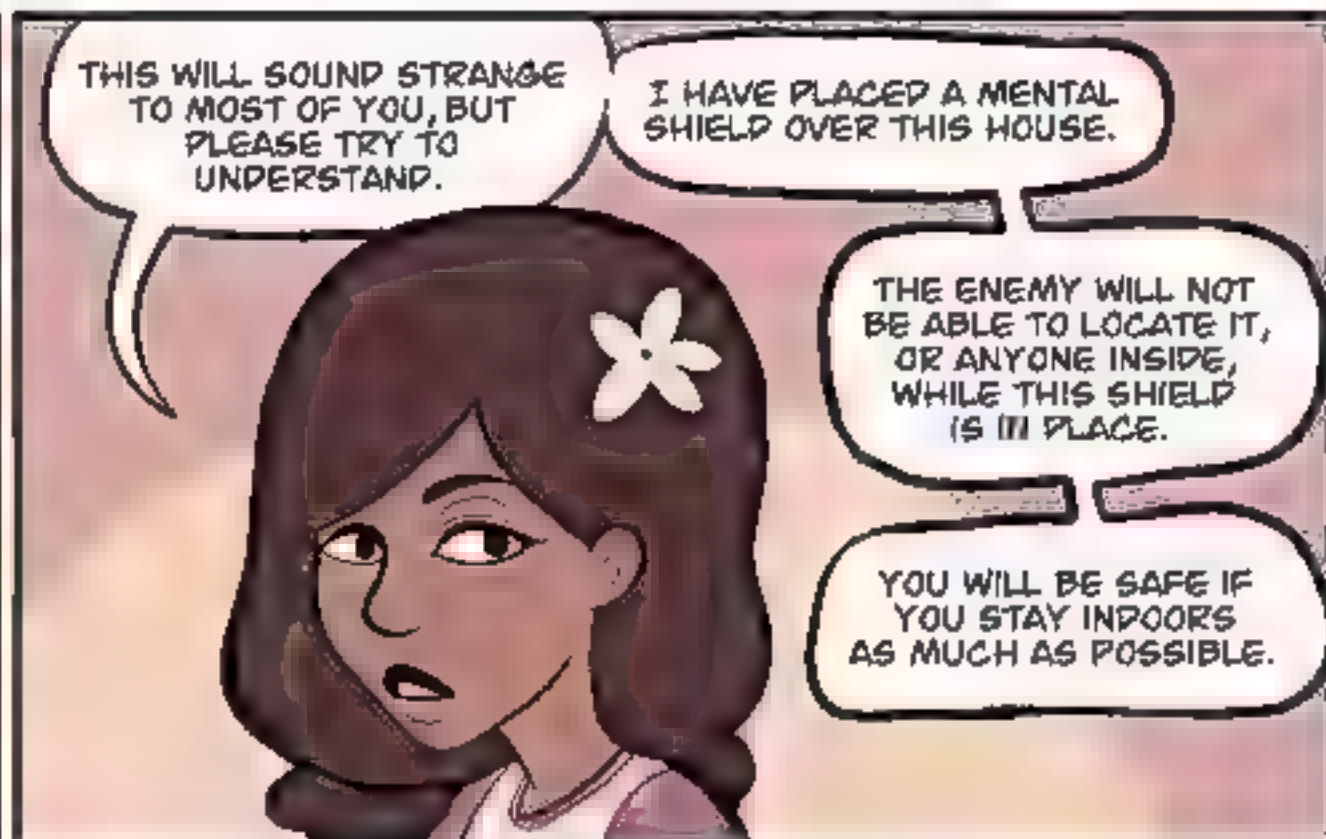
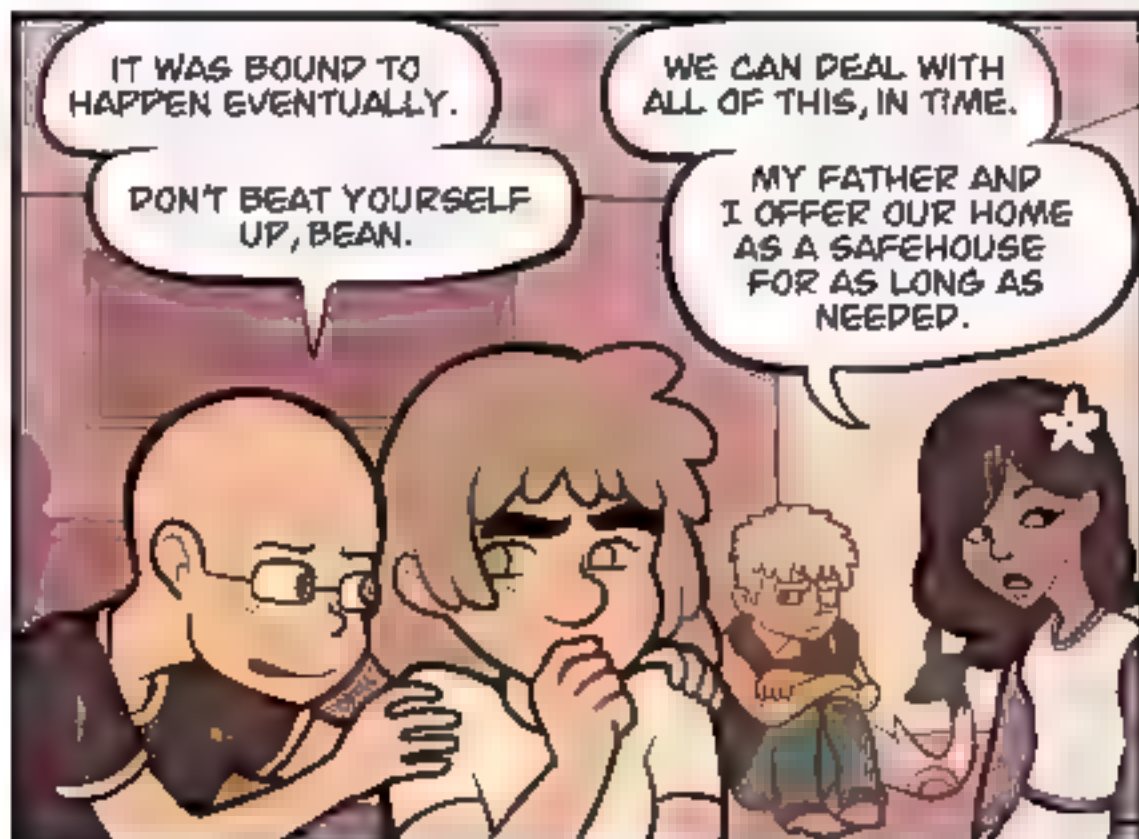




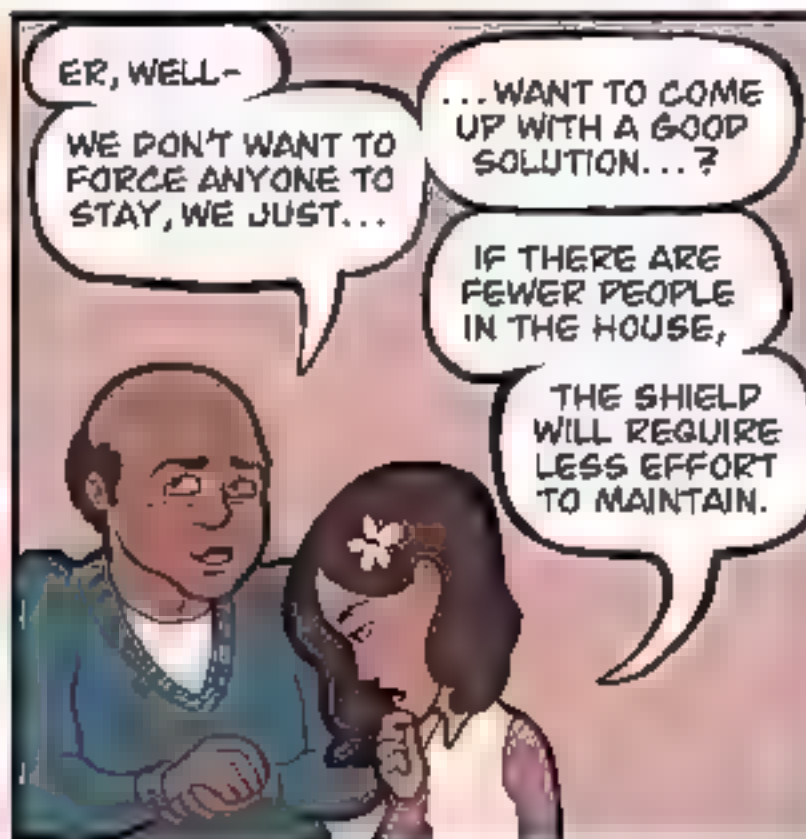












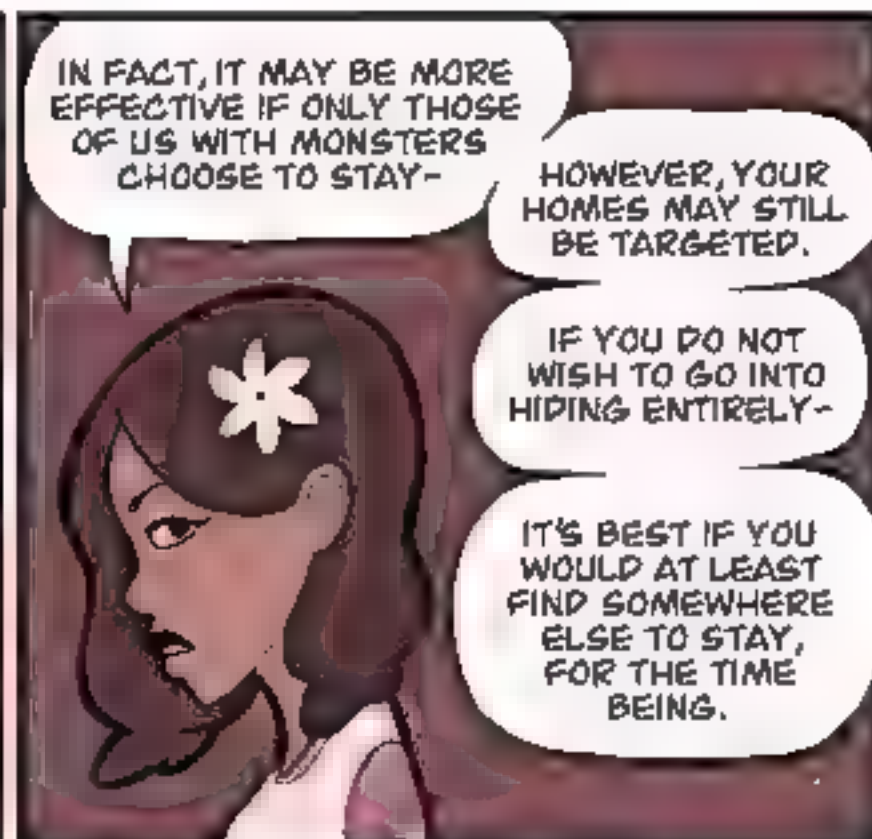
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WE DON'T WANT TO  
FORCE ANYONE TO  
STAY, WE JUST...

...WANT TO COME  
UP WITH A GOOD  
SOLUTION...?

IF THERE ARE  
FEWER PEOPLE  
IN THE HOUSE,

THE SHIELD  
WILL REQUIRE  
LESS EFFORT  
TO MAINTAIN.



IN FACT, IT MAY BE MORE  
EFFECTIVE IF ONLY THOSE  
OF US WITH MONSTERS  
CHOOSE TO STAY-

HOWEVER, YOUR  
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BE TARGETED.

IF YOU DO NOT  
WISH TO GO INTO  
HIDING ENTIRELY-

IT'S BEST IF YOU  
WOULD AT LEAST  
FIND SOMEWHERE  
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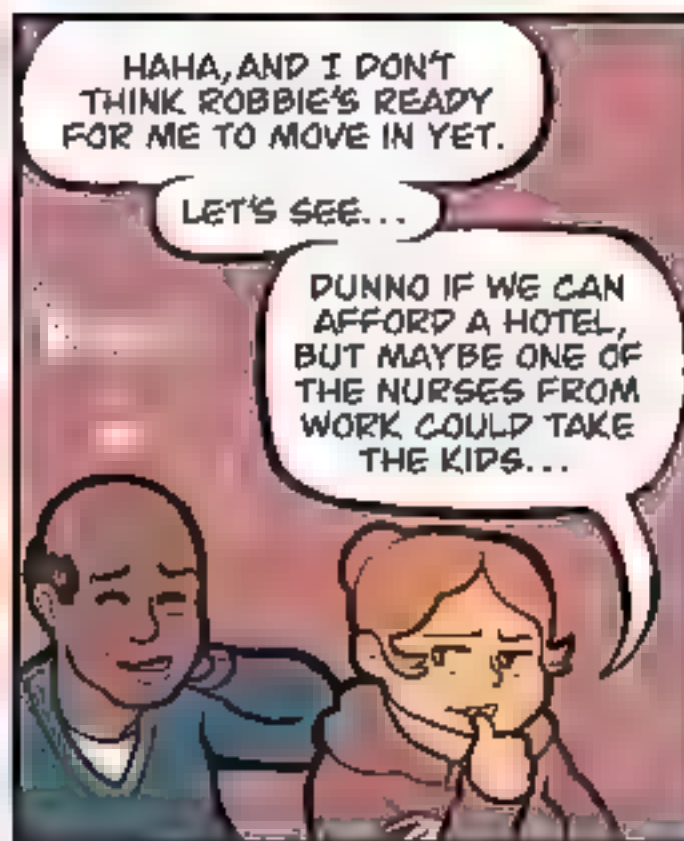
THAT MEANS  
WE CAN GO,  
THEN?

OH, THANK  
GOD.



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YEAH, THAT'S  
ACTUALLY WAY  
BETTER FOR US,  
TOO.

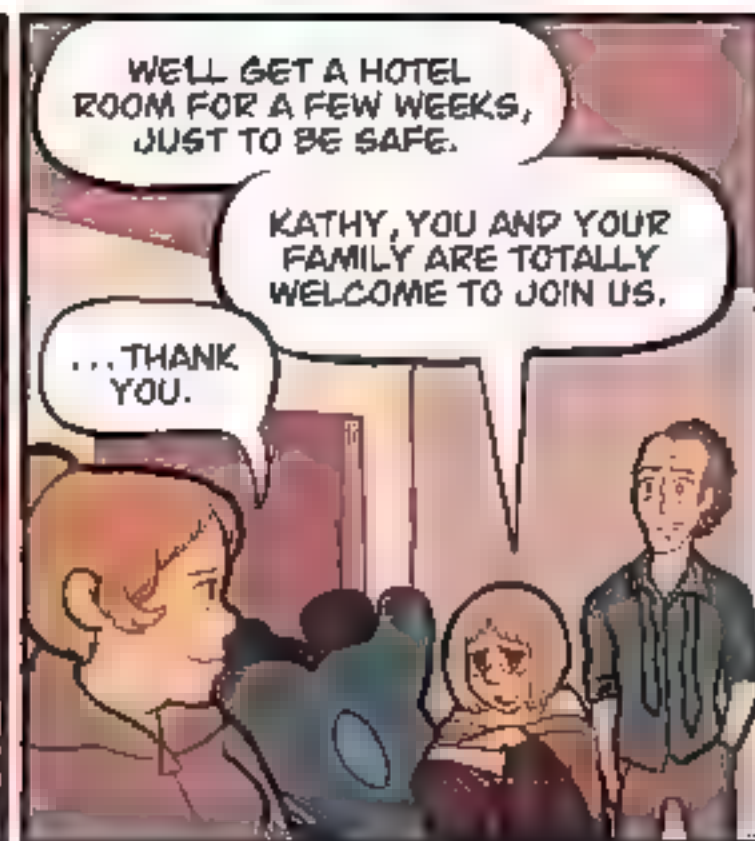
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JOB, MOM...



HAHA, AND I DON'T  
THINK ROBBIE'S READY  
FOR ME TO MOVE IN YET.

LET'S SEE...

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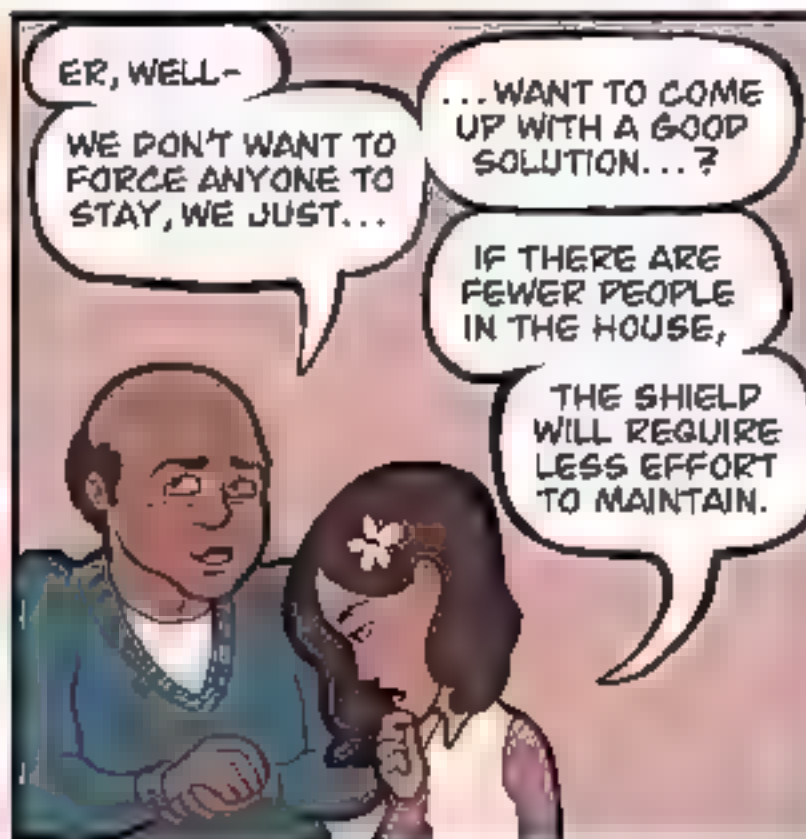


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...THANK  
YOU.





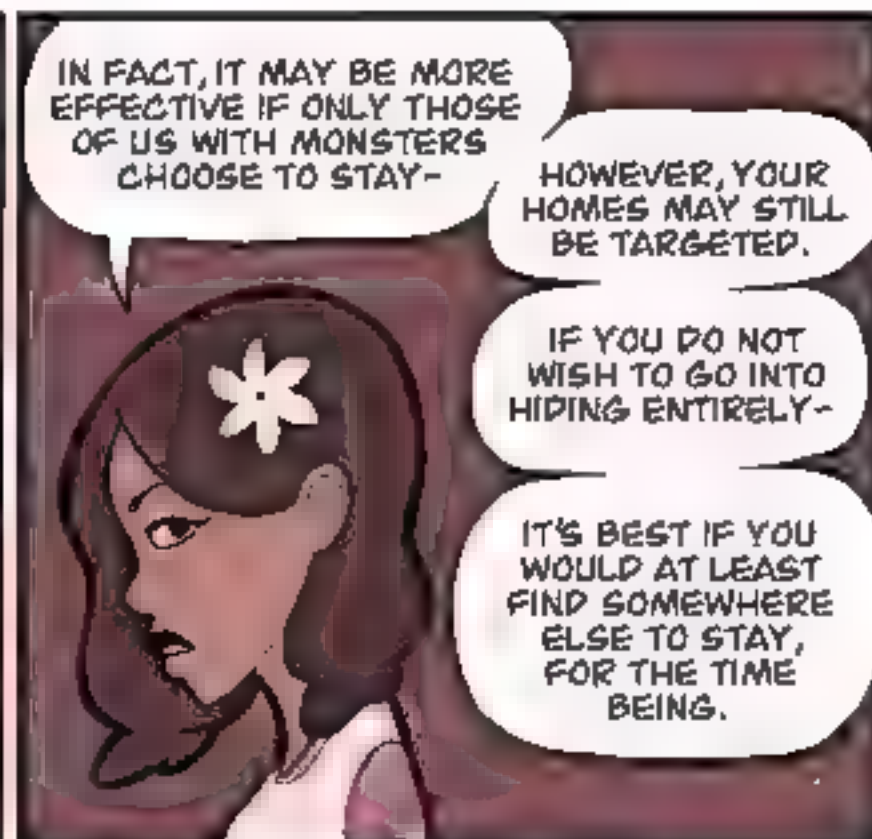
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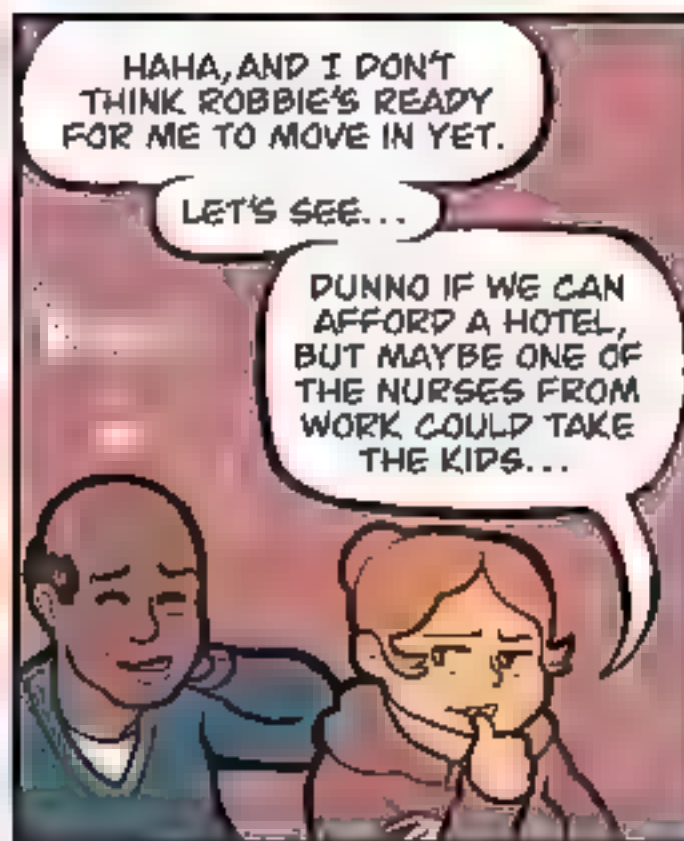
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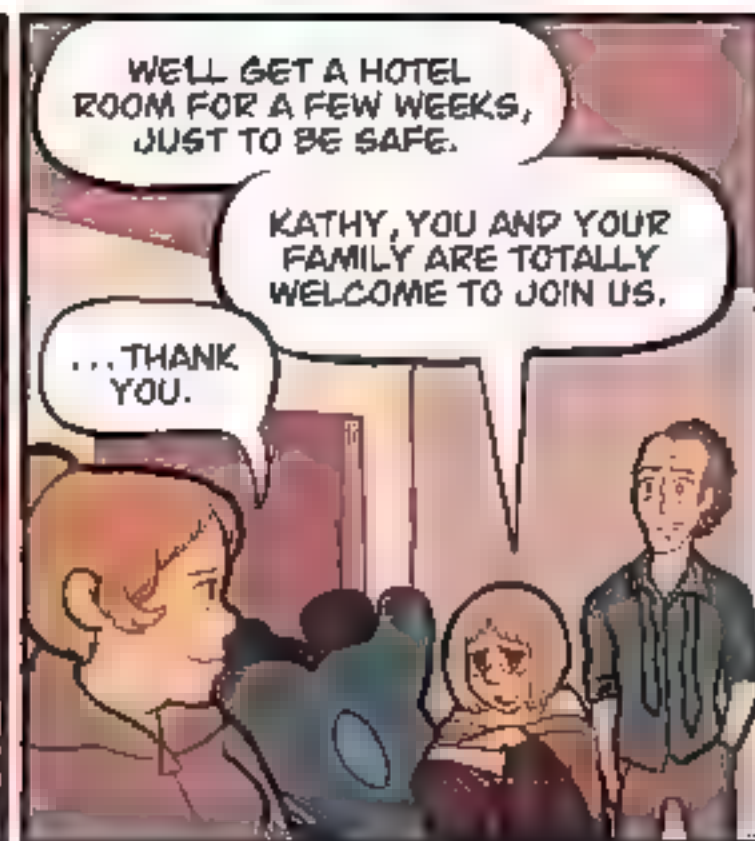
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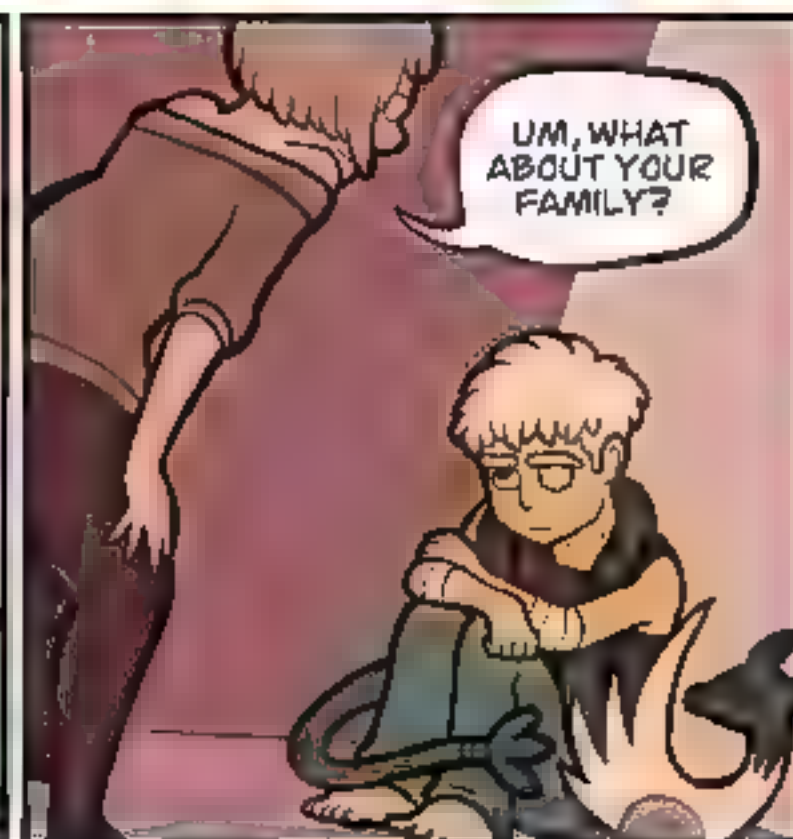
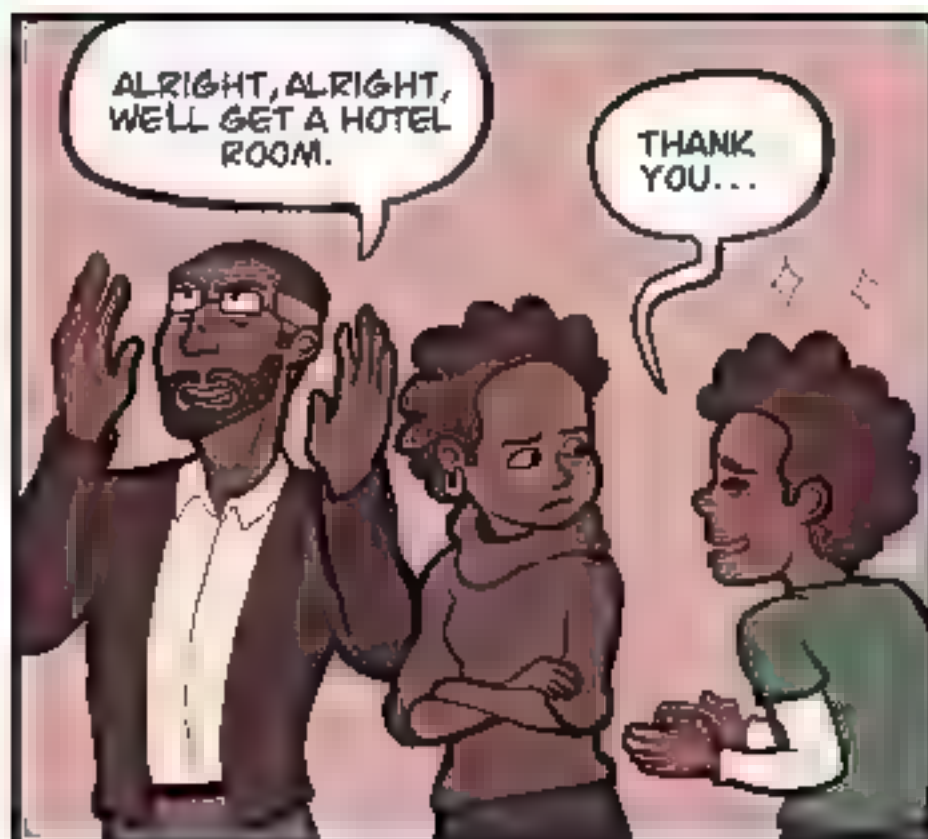
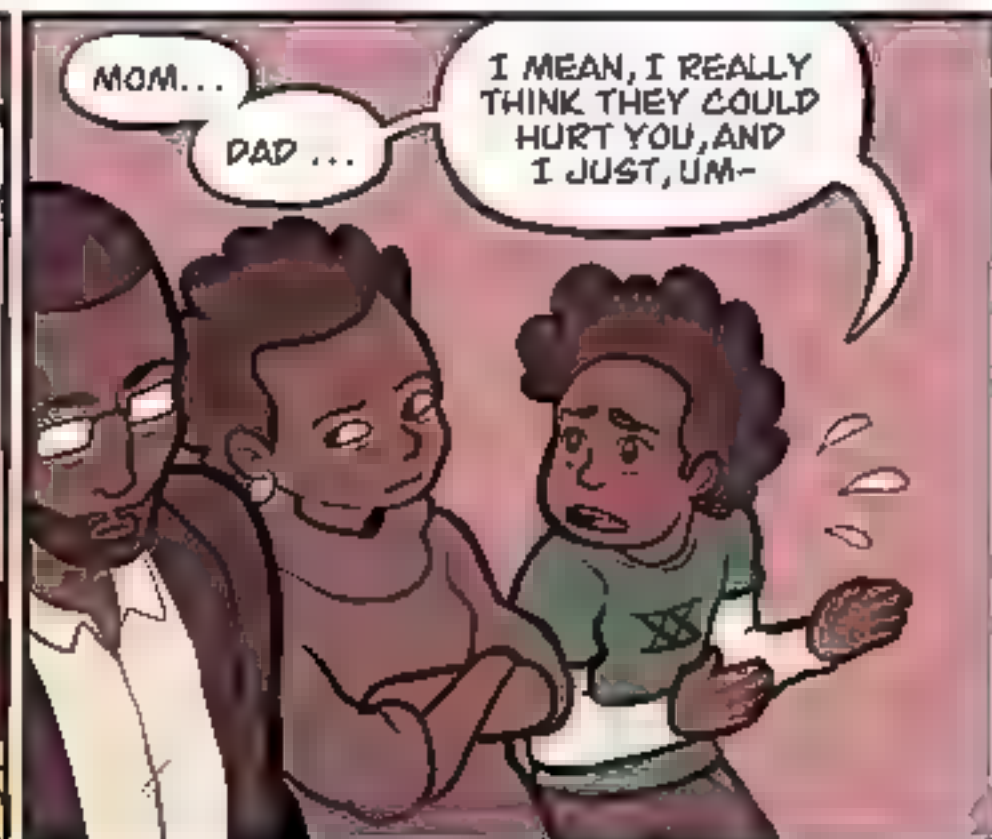
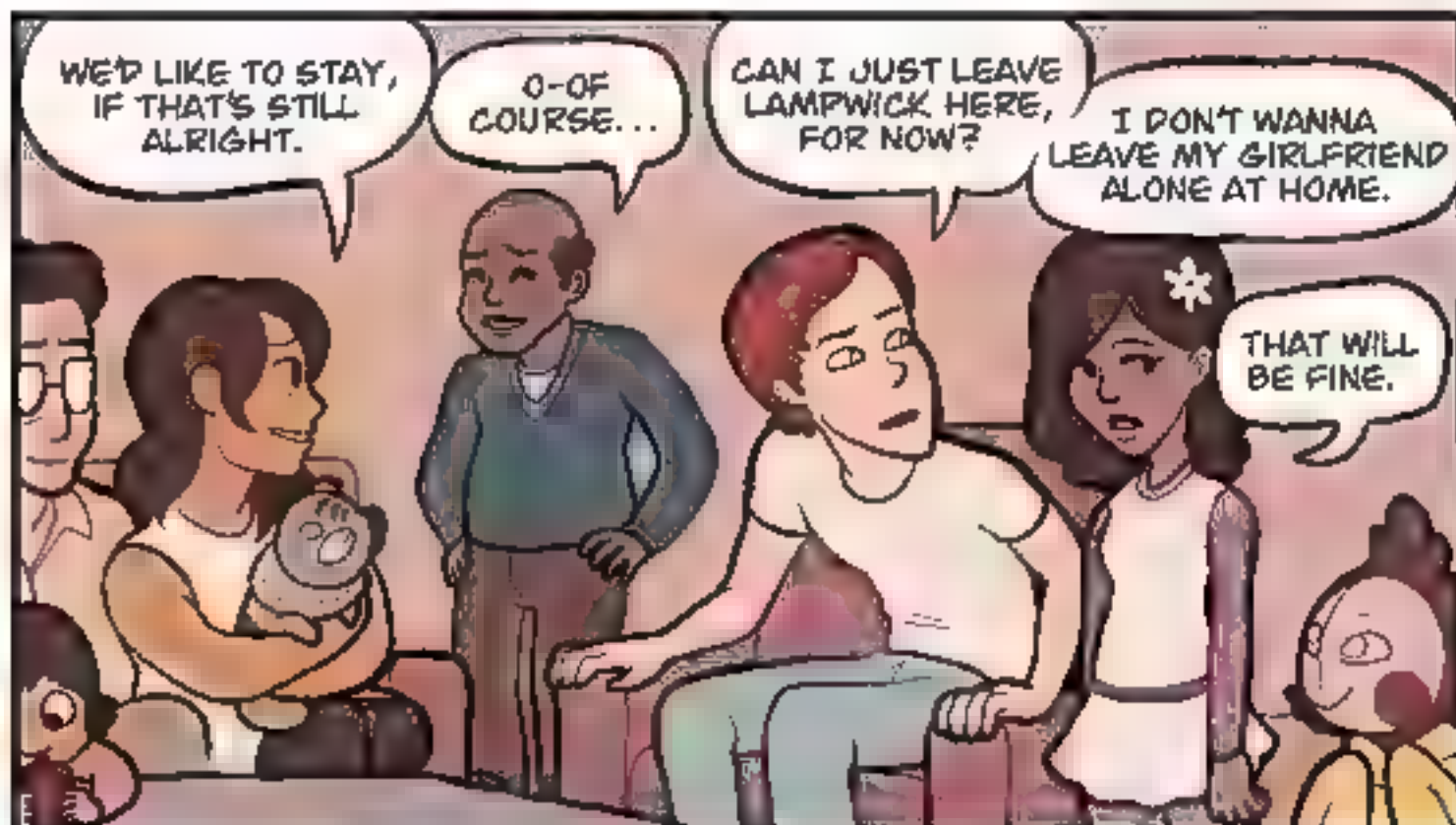
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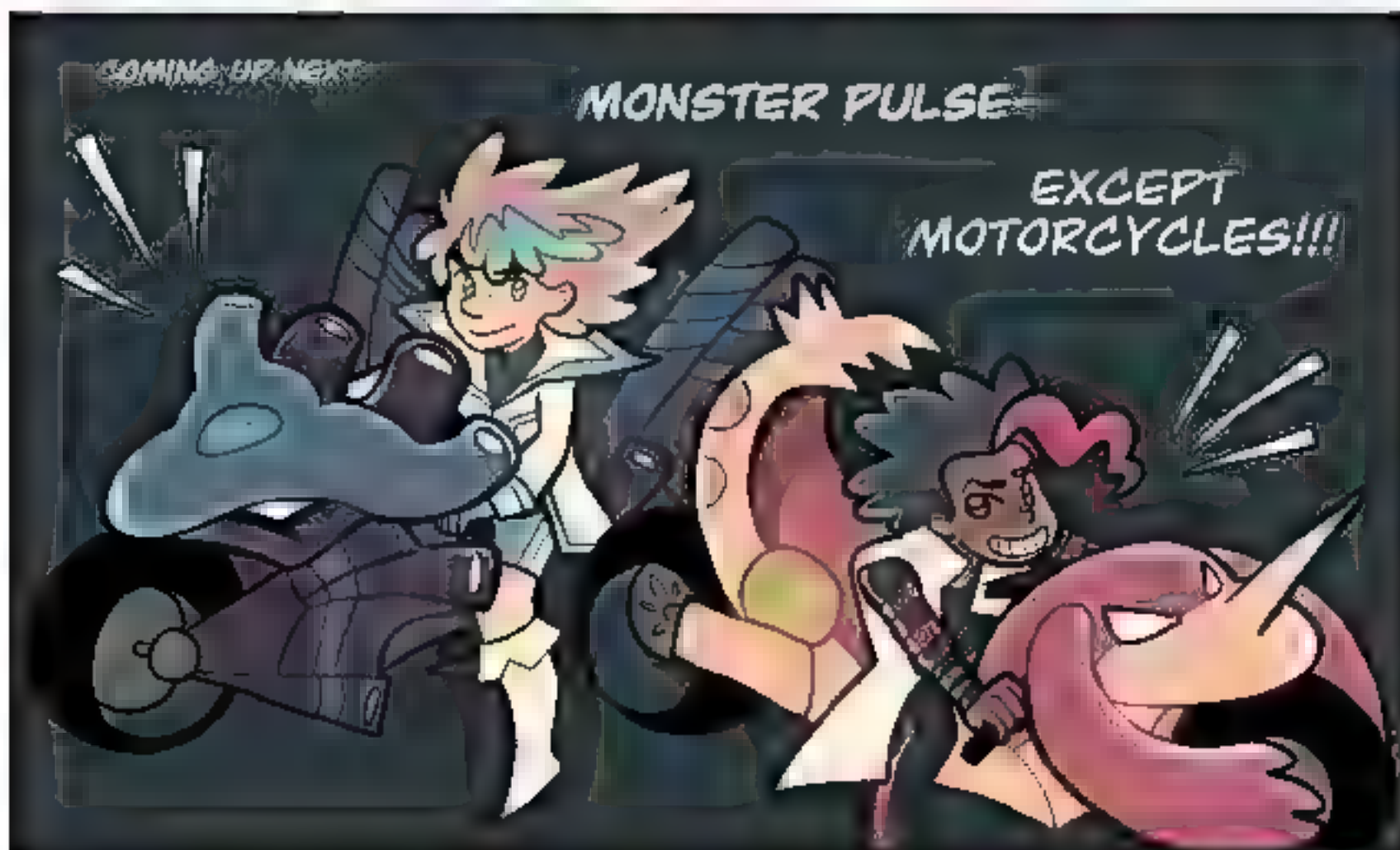
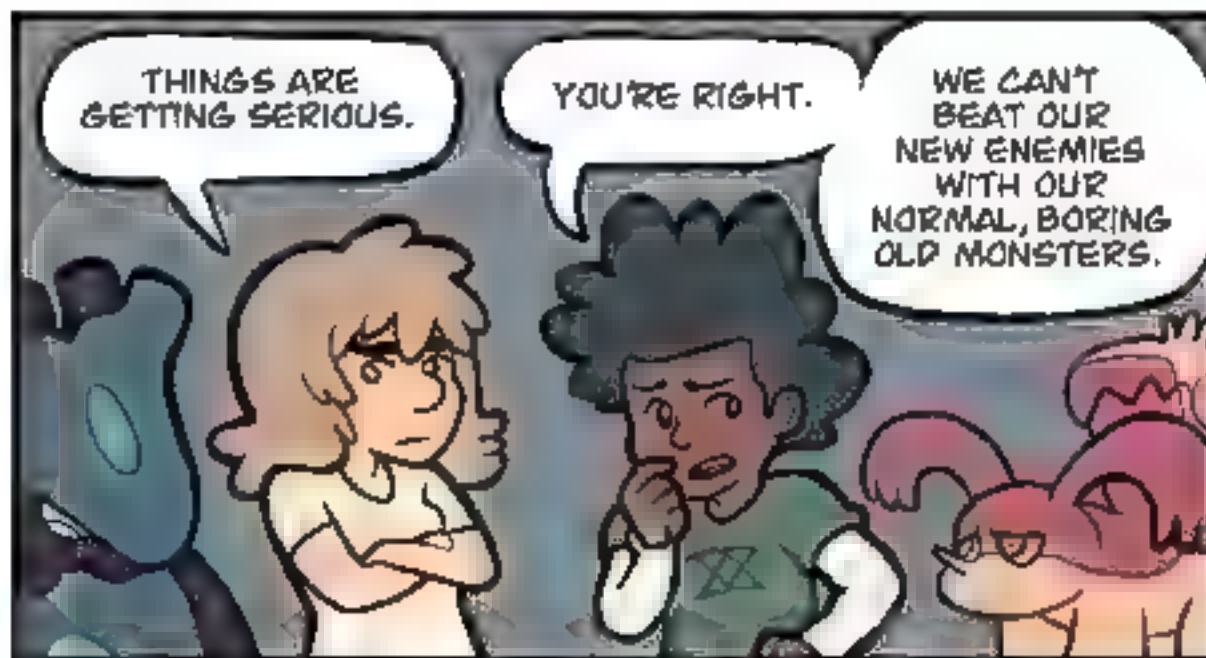
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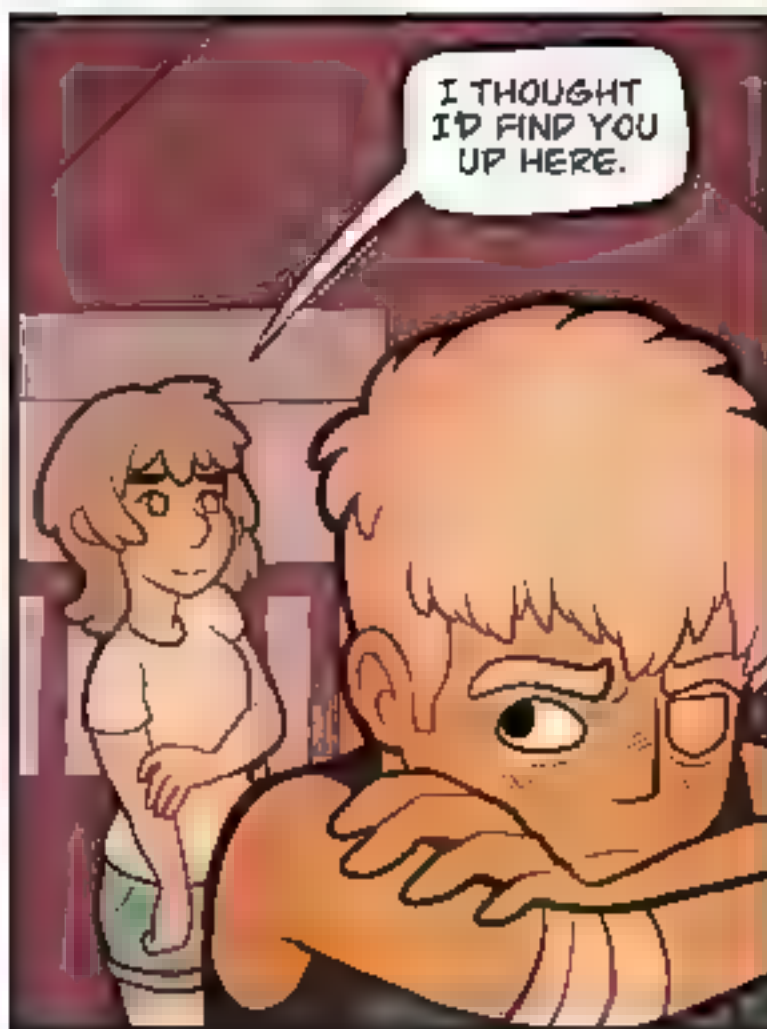
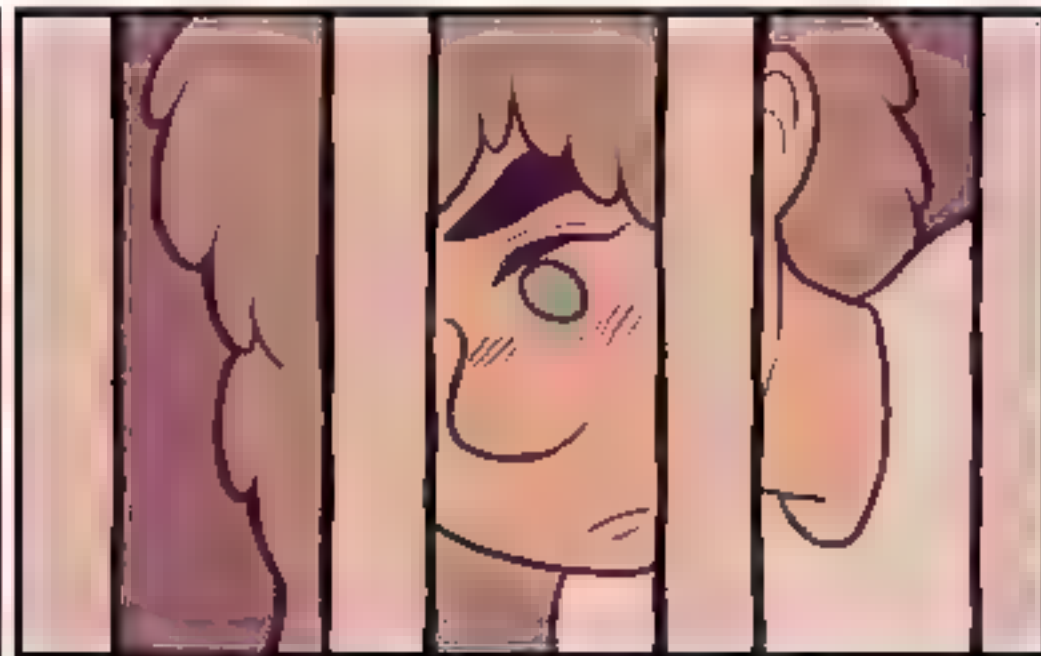
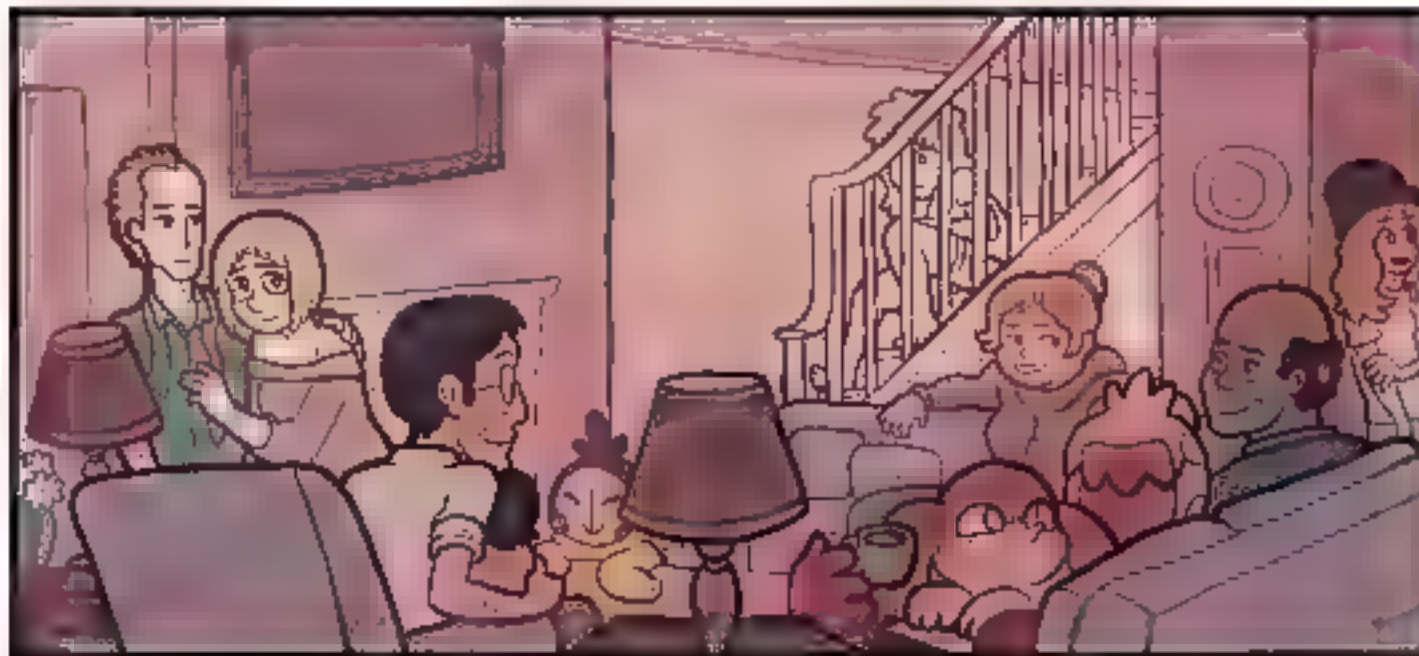
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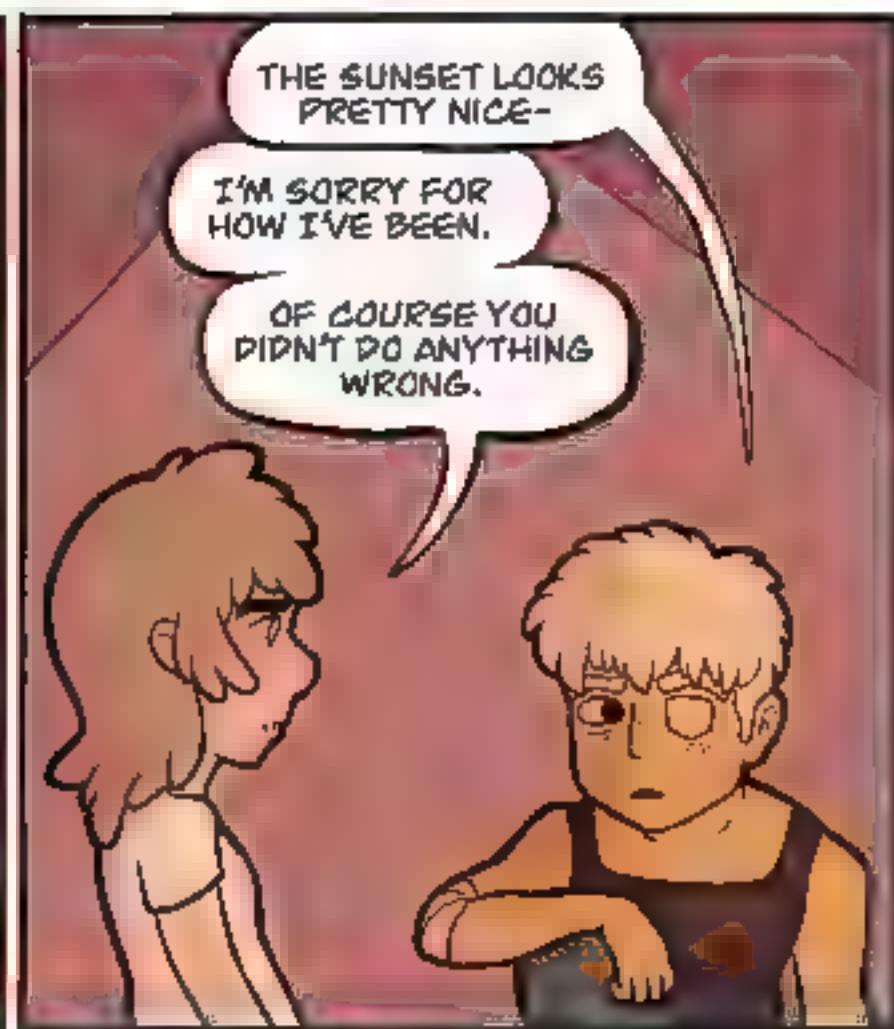
I THOUGHT  
I'D FIND YOU  
UP HERE.



...

YEAH, I JUST...

YEAH.

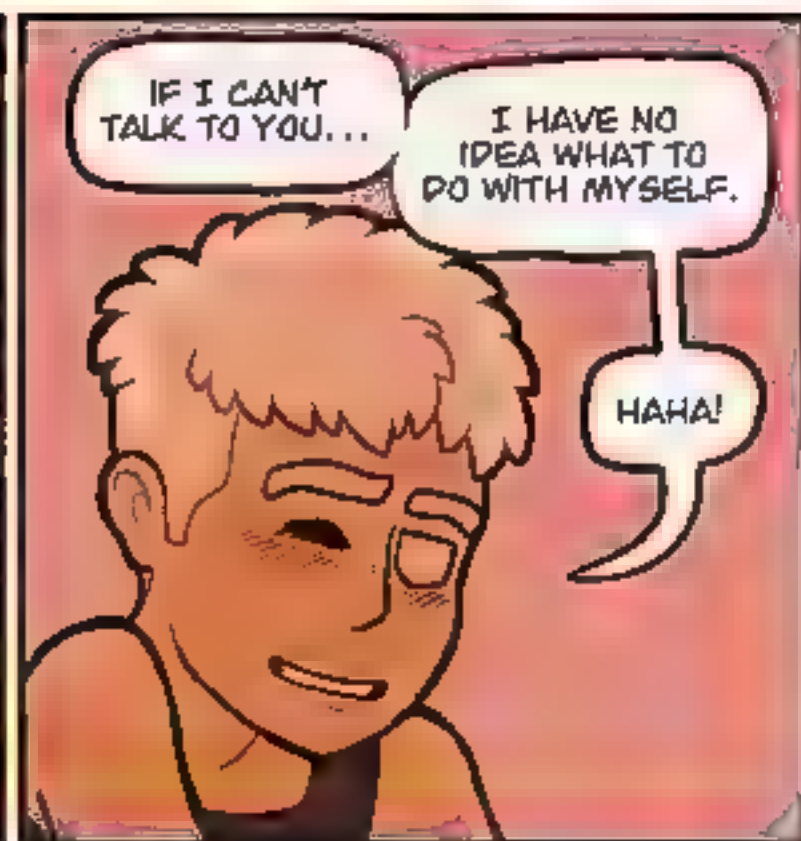
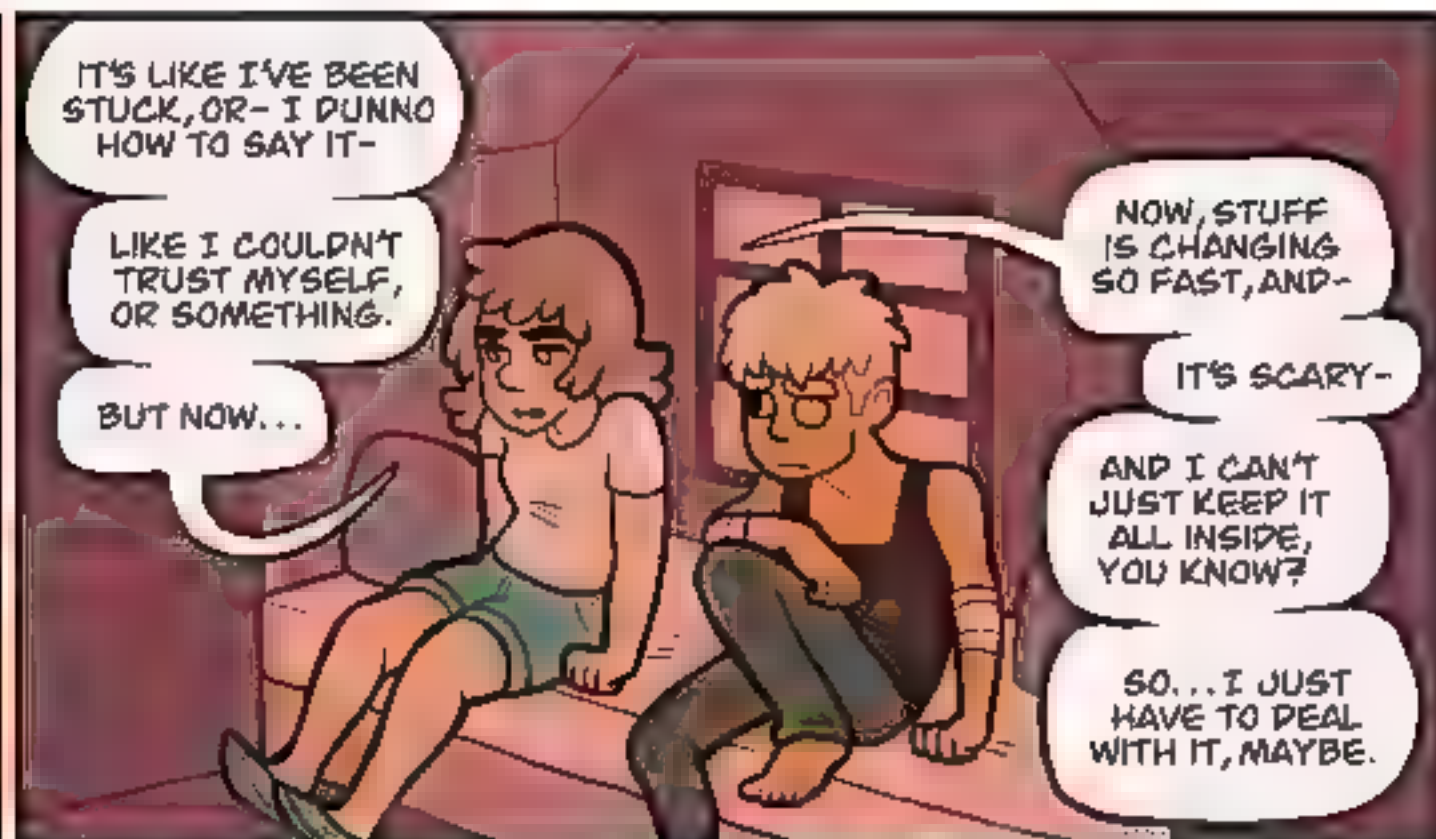
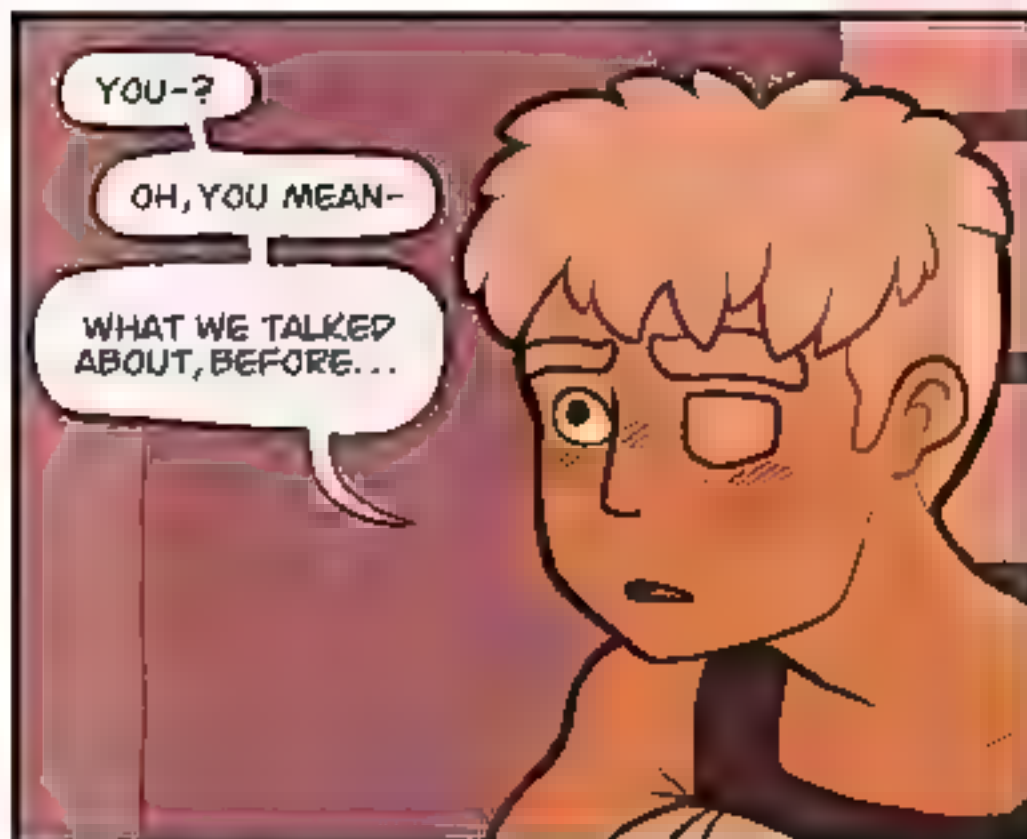


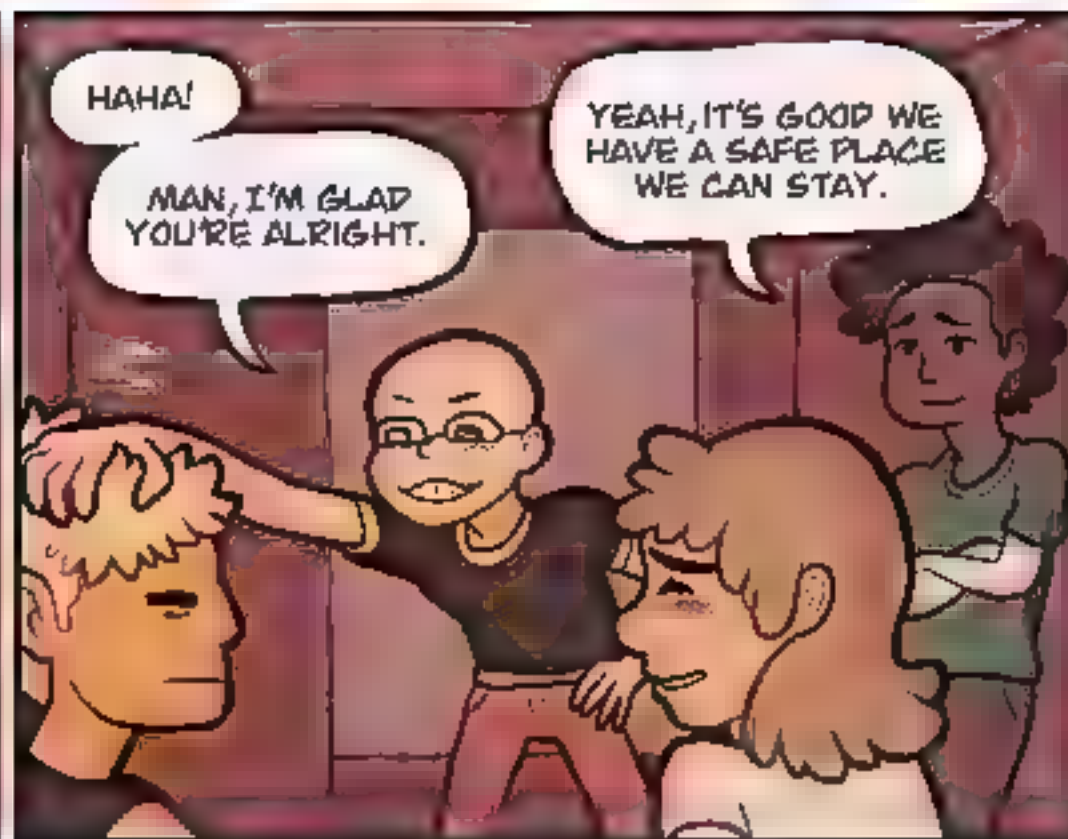
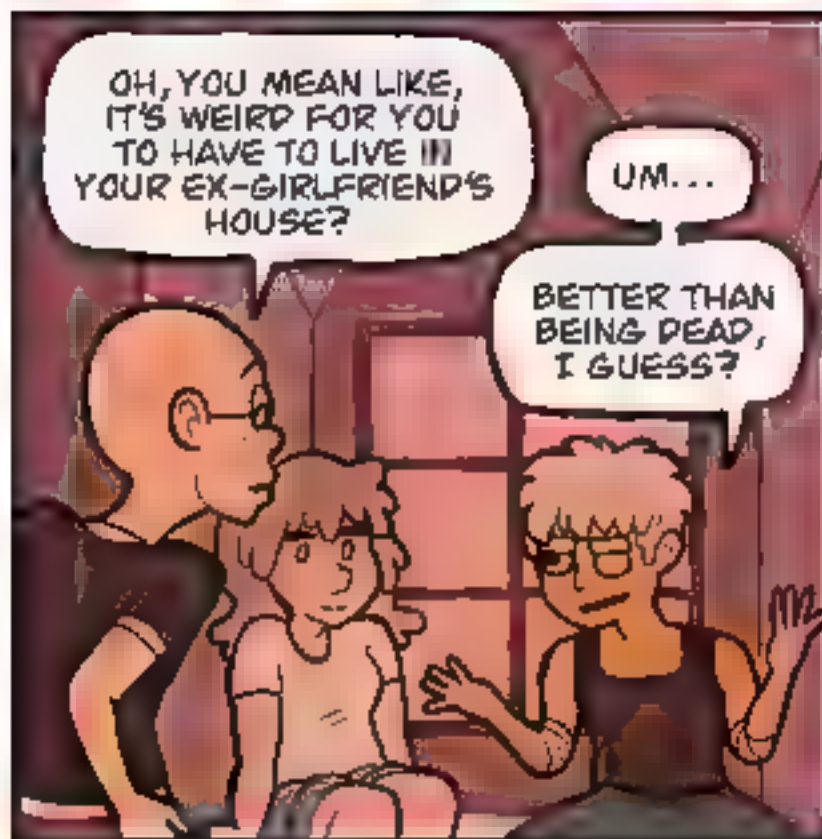
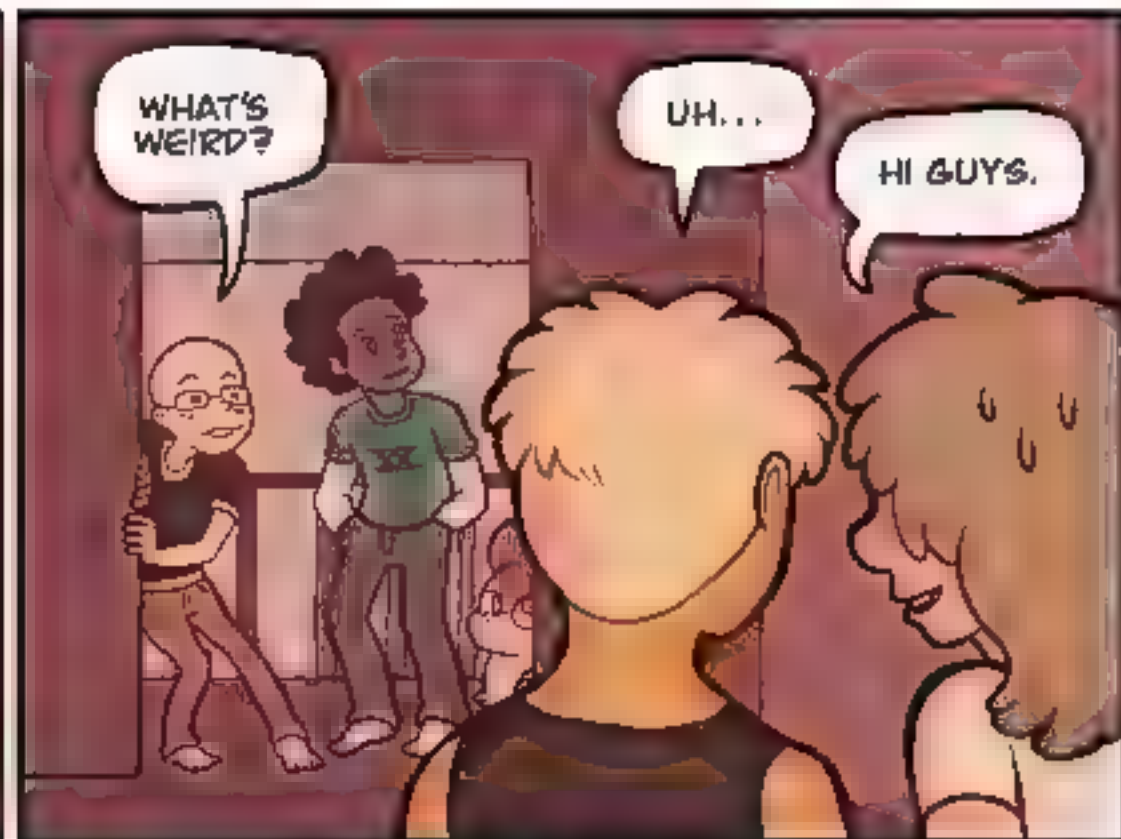
THE SUNSET LOOKS  
PRETTY NICE-

I'M SORRY FOR  
HOW I'VE BEEN.

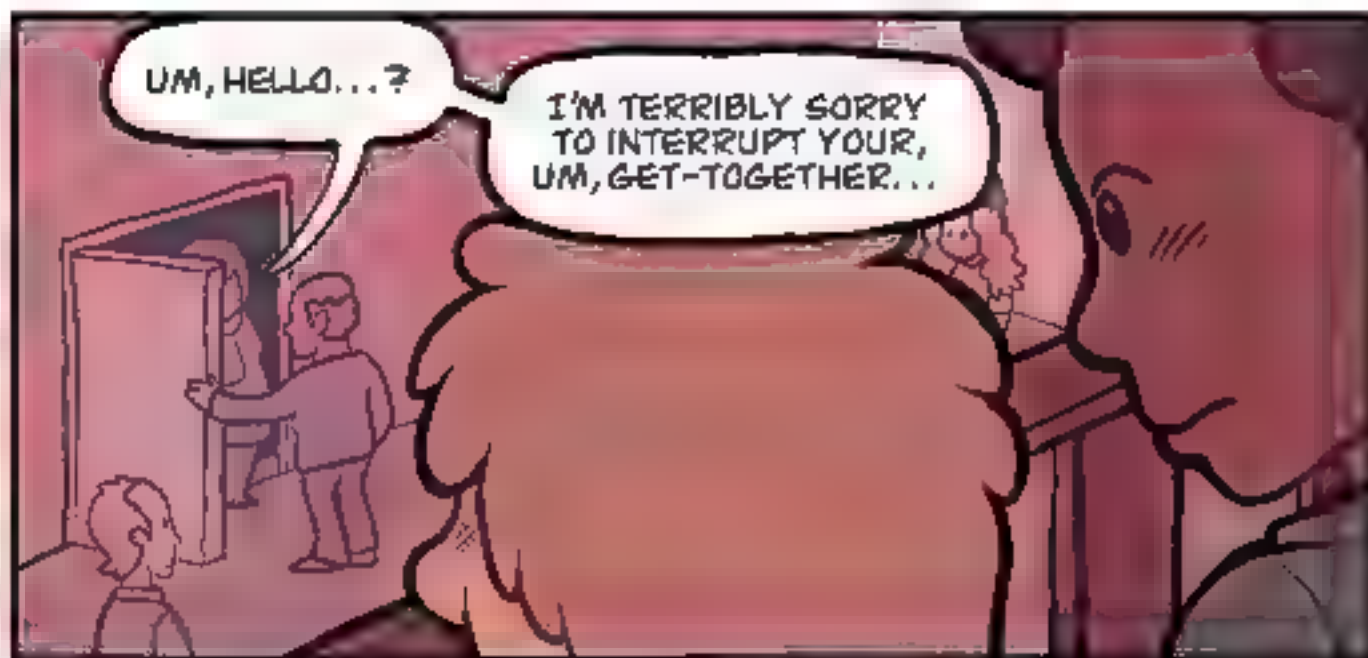
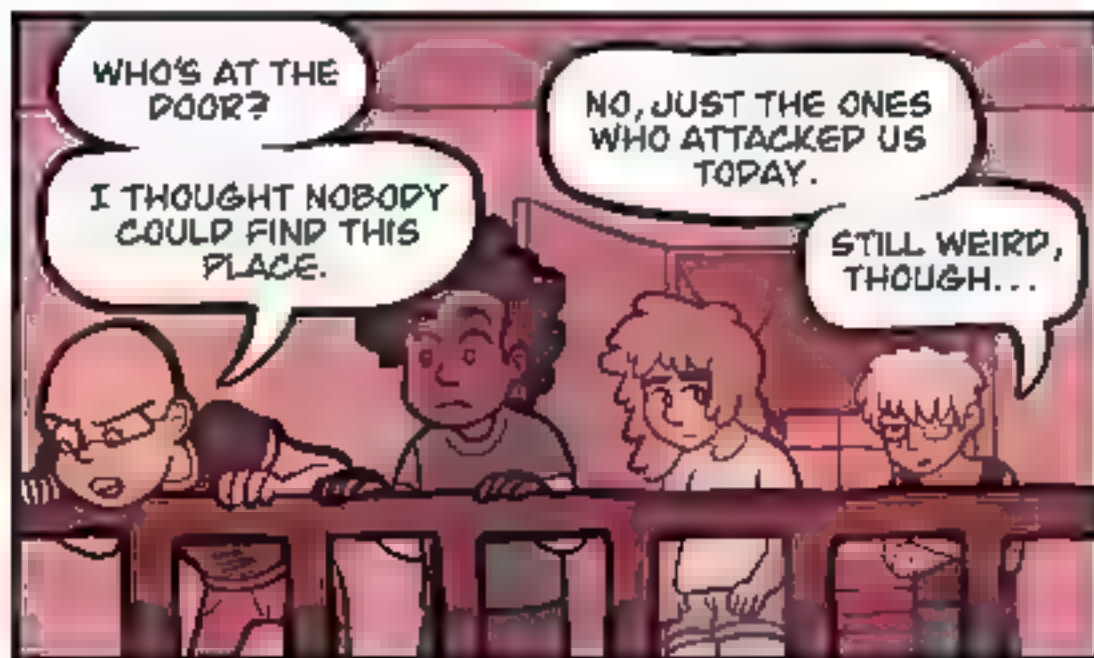
OF COURSE YOU  
DIDN'T DO ANYTHING  
WRONG.











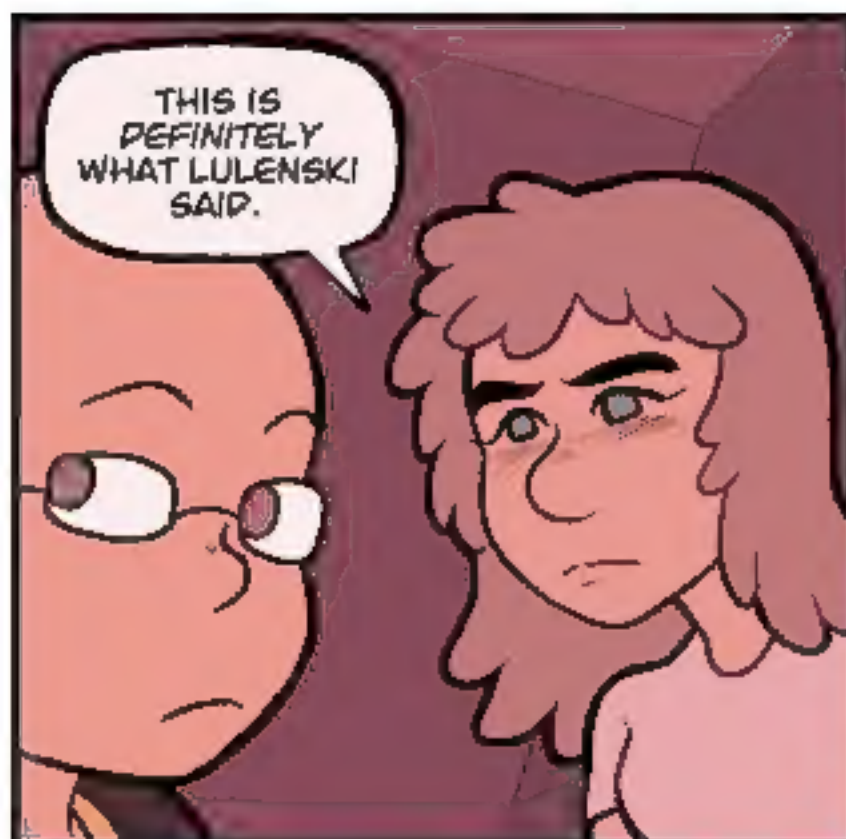














**SOME TIME LATER.**

